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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Prayer.
2. Calling of the Roll.
3. Reading of the Minutes of Last Meeting.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Communications from the Corresponding Secretary.
6. Reports from Standing Committees.
7. Report of Auditors.
8. Miscellaneous Business.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
American Baptist Home Mission Society.

HELD AT SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., MAY 30 AND 31, AND JUNE 1.
1899.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society convened in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco, Cal., Tuesday evening, May 30, 1899. In the absence of President Greene, Vice-President E. M. Thresher, Esq., of Ohio, presided. Devotional exercises, as follows, opened the session: Rev. C. M. Hill, of California, read Isaiah 40; prayer by Rev. S. H. Willey, D.D., pastor of a Congregational church in San Francisco, and a contemporary of Rev. O. C. Wheeler, our first missionary here.

The presiding officer made a brief address.

Singing. Coronation.

Secretary Morgan presented the report of the Board, calling attention to special parts, and also to March, April, and May numbers of the *Home Mission Monthly*, as containing important historical and descriptive matter. The treasurer's report was submitted by the recording secretary. Special attention was called to the summary; also to the list of legacies and the list of annuitants.

In making the report, the secretary said:

"During the year it became necessary to elect a treasurer.

Brother D. A. Waterman, who was serving without any compensation, resigned. The Board filled the vacancy by the election of Mr. Frank R. Hathaway, the son of one of the staunch Baptist families of New York. He was a graduate from Columbia College, and afterwards studied in Chicago University, making a specialty of the science of statistics. After leaving Chicago, he acquired a prominent place in a large dry-goods house, in which he had oversight of the statistical department. He is a thoroughly scientific master of accounts. He has been intimately known to several members of the Board for many years, and has their utmost confidence. I speak the judgment of the Board when I say that they deem themselves favored in having so true a Christian and so well-trained a man for the position."

Rev. L. H. Halsey, Arizona, presented the following resolution, which was adopted: "*Resolved*, That we extend a cordial invitation to pastors of other religious bodies who are present, to sit with us and participate in our deliberations."

The Chairman named the following committees: Nominations—R. O. Fuller, Massachusetts; Rev. C. M. Hill, California; Rev. A. J. Frost, California; Rev. W. A. Stanton, D.D., Pennsylvania; Rev. G. H. Hubbard, D.D., New York; L. B. Philbrick, Esq., Massachusetts; Rev. W. M. Ingersoll, Ohio; Rev. S. W. Bacote, Missouri; Rev. H. L. Boardman, Oregon; Rev. L. H. Trowbridge, Michigan; Rev. T. E. Johnson, West Virginia; C. E. Rosling, Esq., Washington. Resolutions—Rev. J. J. Muir, District of Columbia; Rev. W. G. Partridge, Ohio; Rev. Alexander Blackburn, D.D., Oregon; Rev. Joseph Smale, California; Rev. F. Rector, Massachusetts; Rev. C. M. Carter, Indiana; Colonel J. J. Estey, Vermont. Enrollment—Rev. L. H. Halsey, Arizona; Rev. H. B. Steelman, Utah; E. R. Bennett, Esq., California; J. W. Inglis, Esq., California.

Report of Committee on Programme adopted.

Singing by the choir.

Address by Secretary Morehouse on the theme: "Fifty Years' Home Mission Work on the Coast."

Benediction: J. J. Muir.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10 A.M.

E. M. Thresher in the Chair. Singing: "More Love to Thee." Rev. J. V. Osterhout of Rhode Island read Psalm 84, and offered prayer. Singing. Address by Rev. Gilman Parker on the theme: "Oregon as a Mission Field." Singing: "Jesus Shall Reign," etc. H. B. Steelman of Utah spoke on the "Aggressive Attitude of Mormonism."

General Morgan presented the following amendment to section five of the Constitution, approved by Board May 8, 1899, and recommended for adoption:

"Provided that absence from four consecutive regular meetings of the Board, without a written, valid excuse, shall work a forfeiture of membership, unless the term is extended by special vote of the Board." The amendment was adopted.

Invitations for the meeting of 1900 were presented from Kansas City, and from Detroit, Mich. The latter included a letter from the Woodward Avenue Church offering their building, and from the Mayor of the city, and from the Business Men's League. Voted to accept the invitation to Detroit.

Rev. H. E. Adams spoke about the Gospel-Wagon Work.

Committee on Enrollment reported 800 registered attendants, of which 378 have reported themselves as Home Mission Attendants. These are divided as follows: 51 life-members, 26 annual members, 188 delegates, 113 visitors.

Adjourned until 2 P.M.

2 P.M.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

General Morgan stated that he had been appointed by the Committee on Systematic Beneficence to bring to this Society the statement that they deemed it best to continue the work of that commission and ask the Society to appoint members. Voted to refer the matter to the Executive Board.

Rev. Robert Whitaker, California, General Missionary, spoke on the topic, "California as a Mission Field." Rev. C. T. Douglass of California, General Missionary, spoke on the same topic.

W. E. Randall of Washington, General Missionary, spoke on "Washington as a Mission Field." Rev. A. M. Allyn of Washington, General Missionary, continued the discussion of "Washington as a Mission Field."

Committee on Nominations reported, and the following officers were elected: President—Stephen Greene, Esq., Massachusetts. Vice-Presidents—E. M. Thresher, Esq., Ohio; W. G. Brimson, Esq., Illinois. Treasurer—Frank R. Hathaway, Esq., New York. Auditors—Edgar L. Marston, Esq., New York; L. F. Requa, Esq., New York. Corresponding Secretary—T. J. Morgan, LL.D., New York. Recording Secretary—Rev. Alvah S. Hobart, D.D., New York.

Managers—First Class, expiring 1900: C. R. Hetfield, Esq., New York (vice D. A. Waterman, deceased). Second Class, expiring 1901: Rev. I. M. Haldeman, D.D., New York (vice C. Woelfkin, D.D., resigned). Third Class, expiring 1902: Rev. E. T. Hiscox, D.D., New York; Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., New York; Rev. W. C. Bitting, D.D., New York; Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D., New York; Rev. Wallace Buttrick, New York; Rev. E. T. Tomlinson, Ph.D., New Jersey; Rev. F. J. Parry, D.D., Connecticut.

Committee on Resolutions reported, and the following were adopted, a few members voting in the negative on the resolution about Representative Roberts of Utah.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Messrs. Scott of the Union Iron Works and to *The Examiner* for their generous offer to furnish a launch to carry the delegates to these anniversaries to visit war-vessel *Iowa*.

On the B. H. Roberts's case:

WHEREAS, The State of Utah was admitted into statehood in this Republic, with the distinct understanding on the part of Congress, and the distinct pledge on the part of the Mormon authorities, that there should be the abolition of old polygamous relations and the prohibition of new polygamous marriages, and that the laws of Utah should be brought into harmony with the laws of all the States of this nation in this respect, and into harmony with the moral sentiment of our people; and,

WHEREAS, In compliance with a condition of the Act of Con-

gress enabling Utah to form a State Government, the constitutional convention of Utah incorporated into the constitution of a provision that "polygamous or plural marriages are forever prohibited," and attached a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both to the violation of this provision; and

WHEREAS, Mr. B. H. Roberts, Representative-elect to Congress from the State of Utah, is an avowed polygamist, and has been convicted of the crime before the courts, and though a prominent member of the convention which adopted the provision against plural marriages, and at that time advocating the same, has since been a leader in the movement to repudiate the solemn covenant which Utah made with our Government in order to secure statehood, as is abundantly proven by his published utterances, and has thus become a covenant-breaker, as well as a self-confessed polygamist; and,

WHEREAS, The attitude of Mr. B. H. Roberts in defending plural marriages and in seeking to violate the covenant into which the State has entered into with the Nation, has received the endorsement of the Mormon leaders and was made a prominent issue in his election to Congress; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the representatives of a million Baptists of the North, assembled in annual convention in San Francisco, do earnestly protest against the said B. H. Roberts becoming a member or remaining a member of the House of Representatives, because he stands convicted before the nation as a law-breaker and a covenant-breaker, guilty of crimes which shock the moral sense of the people, and because his election having taken place on such an issue, to permit him to hold his seat in the House of Representatives might be understood by the Mormon community as an endorsement of polygamy by that body, and would give to it such an impetus as it has never had before in all the history of the Mormon church. It might seem to establish polygamy as a legitimate system of marriage and make it a menace to the American home, which is the corner-stone of our Christian civilization.

Resolved, That we will use our influence with our respective Representatives in Congress to induce them to stand uncompromisingly for the fundamental principles of morality and virtue, for the Christian home, and for the purity of our free institutions, by not allowing the said B. H. Roberts to have a voice in our national legislation for a single day or a single hour.

Resolved, That a certified copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the clerk of the House of Representatives, to be presented by him to that honorable body.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are extended to the First Baptist Church and its honored and beloved pastor, Dr. E. A. Woods, for the hospitality extended and services rendered.

Resolved, That to the choir of this church, to other choirs of the city, and of Oakland, which contributed to our pleasure, the thanks of the Society are hereby tendered; also to the Christian Endeavor Society for the beautiful floral decorations which have added so much to the attractiveness of the meeting-house.

Resolved, further, That our thanks are tendered to the railroads and steamboats for any and all considerations received.

Resolved, further, That our thanks are due to the newspapers of the city and to the Associated Press for their notices of our meeting.

J. J. MUIR,
A. BLACKBURN,
C. M. CARTER,
F. RECTOR.

ON THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

WHEREAS, the liquor traffic is an unmitigated evil and a terrible menace to all our social, civil, and religious institutions; and,

WHEREAS, Its total suppression would prove a benediction to the home, the State, and the church of Christ. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we urge our entire constituency not only to favor, but to unite in all legitimate means to effect the overthrow of this nefarious business and the destruction of the saloon as a power in the body politic. Be it further

Resolved, That we express our hearty approval of the law of Congress prohibiting the sale of liquor in the army "canteen," and we protest against the nullifying act of the Attorney-General of the United States.

Singing.

The following telegram was read:

"REV. H. L. MOREHOUSE, D.D.,

"Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.

"Alaska stretches hands to God. Pray for and help Alaska.

"FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

"Skagway, Alaska."

Secretary Morehouse spoke on the future of Alaska. Rev. N.

B. Rairden, Superintendent Trans-Mississippi Division, spoke of this field.

Adjourned until 7.30 P.M.

7.30 P.M.—The Society convened, E. M. Thresher in the Chair. Rev. E. B. Hulbert, D.D., of Chicago, spoke on the topic: "City Missions." Collection taken for Miss Everett, who was injured by a cable-car, amounting to \$40. Address by Rev. Kerr B. Tupper, D.D., Pennsylvania: "The New Era in the West Indies."

Adjourned until 10 A.M.

10 A.M.—JUNE 1.

Singing—"I Need Thee Every Hour." Scripture—Psalm 42, F. J. Salsman, Montana. Prayer—Rev. C. A. Buckley, California. Singing—"Nearer, My God, to Thee." Address—Rev. Alex. Blackburn, Oregon.

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Rev. E. Z. Simmons of China, spoke on mission work among Chinese as related to work in China.

Rev. C. H. Hobart, California, spoke on work among Chinese, having some twenty or more members of the Chinese church with him on the platform, who spoke and sung.

At the close of this address the meeting of the Home Mission Society was merged into a meeting of Baptists, and for an hour delightful testimonies from all the secretaries, and many others, were given as to their enjoyment and profit in the meetings.

During this hour the following resolutions were read:

WHEREAS, The National Baptist Anniversaries have held their first meeting on the Pacific Coast, a meeting to which the Coast has looked forward with intense interest and upon which the blessing of God has rested in a marked manner; and

WHEREAS, There must come to all parts of our Coast a new conception of the greatness of our denomination and its work and a larger and richer life to many of our churches; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Pacific Coast Convention—a Convention

recently organized, and covering the entire Coast—does hereby express to the boards of the various societies constituting what is popularly known as the Anniversaries, our high appreciation of the great privilege which we have enjoyed and our gratitude to God and to these societies for the large benefit which we have already received and the still larger benefits into which we shall enter as the result of these meetings. Be it also further

Resolved, That we do here and now earnestly petition these societies to hold the Anniversaries again upon the Coast at the earliest practicable day consistent with the claims of other large sections of our land.

T. G. BROWNSON,
GILMAN PARKER,
J. H. GARNETT.

The Session adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev.
L. C. Barnes, Pennsylvania.

ALVAH S. HOBART,
Recording Secretary.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
American Baptist Home Mission Society.

PRESENTED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, MAY 30, 1899.

The Executive Board submits to the American Baptist Home Mission Society its Sixty-seventh Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 1899. It includes reports from the Treasurer, District Secretaries, Superintendents of Missions, General Missionaries, Field Secretary, Superintendent of Education, and Educational Agents, together with statistical tables.

OBITUARY.

Among those who have died during the year, whose connection with the Society was such as to call for special mention in the Annual Report, are the following:

John M. Gregory, LL.D., died at his home in Washington, D. C., October 20, 1898. At one time he was Superintendent of the Educational work of the Society and rendered very efficient and valuable service. He had held important public positions, and his life was honorable and useful. He was born in Sand Lake, N. Y., July 6, 1822; graduated at Union College in 1846. He was Superintendent of Instruction for Michigan six years; President of Kalamazoo College three years, and of the Illinois Indus-

trial University thirteen years, and was also a member of the National Civil-Service Commission.

H. C. Woods, D.D., Superintendent of Missions for the Rocky Mountain Division, died at his home in Pasadena, California, February 6, 1899. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, June 11, 1842; graduated from Madison University, 1865, and from the Theological Seminary, 1867; 1887 entered the service of the American Baptist Home Mission Society as District Superintendent of Missions and devoted to it the remainder of his life with great zeal, industry, and rare good judgment. His moulding hand upon the new churches of the West will be felt for generations.

Mrs. Mercy Maria Gray, one of the liberal benefactors of the Society, died at her home in Oakland, California, May 20, 1898.

Dea. Martin E. Gray, another large benefactor of the Society, died at his home at Willoughby, Ohio, March 12, 1899, aged eighty-four years. On reading the life of J. R. Cobb of Boston, who gave \$50,000 for beneficence Dea. Gray became profoundly impressed with the blessedness of giving, and determined to make it a feature of his life. Speaking about himself some years ago he said: "I practised the most rigid economy, as you will see when I tell you that during the past two years I have given over \$12,000 for the Master, and spent about \$500 for my board, clothes, books, papers, and attendance at our Anniversaries, Minneapolis and Washington, and our State Convention and other missionary meetings."

Heman Lincoln Wayland, D.D., died at Wernersville, Pa., November 7, 1898. He was a staunch friend and supporter of this Society in its multifarious work and by his pen and voice rendered it efficient aid. He was deeply interested in the education of the Negroes; was one of the first to accept an appointment from the Society, June 1, 1864, as missionary teacher at Nashville, Tenn., where he laid the foundation of what has since become Roger Williams University. A man of large frame, broad in his sympathies, of untiring energy, he devoted his life with singular unselfishness to the special advocacy of reform movements, taking

great delight in the struggles and conflicts incident to the advocacy of reforms while yet in their infancy.

Rev. George P. Wright, born in Jefferson, Mich., 1846, died at Ann Arbor, February 24, 1899. He served the Society with great efficiency as General Missionary for Colorado and New Mexico.

Among those who have been missionaries or teachers rendering special service to the Society were Rev. G. W. Blythe, who died at Stevensville, Mont., April 4, 1898. Miss Mary E. Miner, who died at Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., January 7, 1899, and Rev. S. D. Badger, who died at Superior, Neb., March 13, 1899.

Dea. Bennett Whitney, a life member of the Society, who was present at its organization in 1832, died at Newark, N. J., August 29, 1898, aged eighty-eight years.

Mrs. Abbie Meserve, wife of President Chas. F. Meserve of Shaw University, died suddenly in Boston, October 6, 1898; aside from the efficient help rendered to her husband in the home circle she took a special personal interest in the welfare of the young women and rendered a great deal of efficient, unsalaried service.

I. FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

We began the Fiscal Year, April 1, 1898, with a debt of about \$14,000. This has been paid; the usual current expenses of the year have been met, and we are able to report a surplus in the treasury amounting to \$40,890.29; of which \$35,000 has been set aside as an emergency fund. This favorable financial showing is due to the continued liberality of the churches and individuals, but more especially to the exceptionally large sums—amounting to more than \$100,000, liberated from the Annuity Fund by the decease of Mrs. M. M. Gray of Oakland, California, and Dea. Martin E. Gray of Willoughby, Ohio. We hope to be able to carry on the varied missionary and educational work of the Society for the year to come on a scale certainly no less than the one in operation during the last year. While there will be some reductions in the amount of money appropriated for missionary work

in some of the older Western States, which are gradually becoming independent, there is the most urgent demand for an increase of missionary appropriations in other portions of the country. The Spanish war has unexpectedly opened new fields for missionary work in Porto Rico and Eastern Cuba, and it is most earnestly desired and hoped that the enlarged receipts of the Society for the year will enable it to inaugurate and carry forward a carefully matured plan for the evangelizing of these people now calling so loudly for the Gospel. We hope to be able to spend not less than \$12,000 a year in the two fields. If this work is to be done successfully there is imperative necessity for spending considerable sums of money, probably \$50,000, in the purchase of property and the erection of suitable meeting-houses.

As the schools under the charge of the Society grow in years and develop in character, they demand better equipment and larger faculties. It is not possible for the schools to continue to grow healthily as they should, without this advance in the cost of their annual maintenance. Your Board believes that the financial history of the Society during sixty-seven years, the nature of the work it is now doing, its methods of administration of the funds entrusted to it, and the unceasing calls for the enlargement of its work in many directions, is a sufficient warrant for asking from churches and individuals a larger annual income.

RECEIPTS.

The total receipts this year including annuity, conditional and permanent trust funds, and profit on stock received by legacy in former years have been \$461,801.77.

Contributions have come from 48 States and Territories, also from Alaska, Burmah, China, and Mexico.

Receipts may be classified as follows:

I. From *contributions* of churches, Sunday-schools, and individuals—including \$61,278.93 annuity and trust funds—\$302,209.90.

II. From *legacies*, (a) Current, \$46,074.98, of which \$11.-

122.44, were permanent trust funds. (b) Profit on stock received by legacy in former years, \$53,153.76 permanent trust funds. Total, \$99,228.74.

III. The income from *invested funds* and *loans* to churches, \$56,261.78.

IV. From *school surplus*, \$809.18.

V. *Miscellaneous receipts*, including amounts for the *Home Mission Monthly*, \$3,292.17.

EXPENDITURES.

Total expenditures for the year were \$415,254.90; missionaries' salaries, \$187,447.37; expense of institutions, \$110,827.90; general superintendents, \$10,814.18; district secretaries, \$23,857.14; gifts to churches, \$18,315.04; annuities, \$21,299.38; expenses of administration at the Rooms, \$14,594.03; general expense and publication account, \$17,586.56; miscellaneous, \$10,513.40. Itemized accounts will be found in the Treasurer's report.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

The following table gives the districts and the names and addresses of the Secretaries:

1. NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT.—F. T. Hazlewood, D.D., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

2. NEW YORK DISTRICT.—Dwight* Spencer, D.D., 111 Fifth avenue, New York City.

3. WABASH DISTRICT.—Rev. S. C. Fulmer, 292 East Fifteenth street, Indianapolis, Ind.

4. LAKE DISTRICT.—E. H. E. Jameson, D.D., 106 Smith avenue, Detroit, Mich.

5. PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—E. B. Palmer, D.D., 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

6. CHICAGO DISTRICT.—J. B. Thomas, D.D., Monon Building, 324 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

7. UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT.—O. A. Williams, D.D., 702 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.

8. CENTRAL DISTRICT.—Rev. D. D. Proper, Des Moines, Iowa.

9. PACIFIC DISTRICT.—Rev. C. A. Woody, 175 Fourth street, Portland, Ore.

10. KANAWHA DISTRICT.—W. E. Powell, D.D., Parkersburg, W. Va.

The reports of the Secretaries follow:

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT.

F. T. HAZLEWOOD, D.D., BOSTON, MASS., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The year just closed has been marked by a persistent presentation of the many and varied claims of the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. By personal and general letters, by circular, by leaflet, by sermon, by address, by illustrated lecture, and by individual solicitation I have endeavored to reach the different portions of New England, imparting information, and seeking to enlist the interest, and secure the co-operation of individuals, churches, Sunday-schools, and Young People's Societies.

A fair measure of success has attended these efforts; indeed, it has seemed to me that the year, in some respects, has been more hopeful and encouraging than some of those more immediately preceding. There are signs of a return to the more liberal giving, which characterized the years prior to the hard times, from which the country is apparently recovering. I am persuaded that, if it had not been for the succession of rainy Sundays during the month of March, our receipts would be considerably larger than usual for this time of the year.

We cannot forget that the many stormy Sundays of the winter have lessened largely the receipts of the churches for their own current expenses; as a result, many of them have been endeavoring to collect enough to close their own year without a deficit, while in some cases heroic efforts have been made to cancel mortgages, with a success which will enable them to do very much more for missions in the future than in the past. But, in spite of the temptation to put their own needs first, many a pastor and his church officers have, with most unselfish spirit, urged the collections for missions first, trusting to the future for the making up of deficiencies for the home expenses.

More and more I find myself indebted, for inspiring and helpful words of confidence and coöperation, to the pastors and members of the churches alike, which I take pleasure, in this public manner, to acknowledge.

Below will be found the financial statement for the year:

Total Contributions from the Churches.....	\$27,057 93
“ “ from Individuals.....	27,089 24
“ “ from Sunday-schools.....	1,626 71
“ “ from Young People's Societies.....	642 36
“ “ from Legacies.....	36,037 76
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	\$92,454 00
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Total from all sources this year.....	\$92,454 00
Total from all sources last year.....	109,252 64
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Decrease from last year.....	\$16,798 64
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Total from the churches last year.....	\$30,146 31
Total from the churches this year.....	27,057 93
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Decrease from last year.....	\$3,088 38
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Total from Individuals last year.....	\$49,266 64
Total from Individuals this year.....	27,089 24
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Decrease	\$22,177 40
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Total from Sunday-Schools last year.....	\$1,790 59
Total from Sunday-Schools this year.....	1,626 71
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Decrease	\$163 88
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Total from Young People's Societies last year.....	\$893 57
Total from Young People's Societies this year.....	642 36
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Decrease	\$251 21
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Total from Legacies this year.....	\$36,037 76
Total from Legacies last year.....	34,314 05
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Increase	\$1,723 71
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Of the Contributions of Individuals, for Conditional and Permanent Trust Funds, there were last year.....	\$39,728 73
This year.....	10,000 00
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Of the Contributions from Legacies, for Conditional and Permanent Trust Funds, there were this year.....	\$10,628 76
Last year.....	<u>5,350 00</u>
There have been received at the Southern Schools of the Society from this District this year.....	\$2,963 33
Last year.....	<u>3,546 57</u>

NEW YORK DISTRICT.

DWIGHT SPENCER, D.D., NEW YORK, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

From the financial statement following, it will be seen that there has been a small falling off in the receipts this year. There have been two reasons for this. A number of churches, in adopting State, or associational, plans of systematic beneficence, found the time for Home Mission collection moved forward from the latter part of the last fiscal year to the early part of the present year. Then, a large number of churches, and among these nearly all the city churches, have for many years made up their Home Mission collection the last month of the current year. Up to February 1st there had been a steady gain throughout the district, and the Secretary felt sure of several thousand dollars' increase in the year's receipts. But from that time on, severe and protracted storms so interfered with church work in general, and especially in the making up of missionary collections, that there was a shrinkage in the amount collected in some of the churches, while, in others, the collection was put off till after the books closed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total received from Churches.....	\$27,577 47
Individuals	52,597 50
Legacies	4,809 68
105 Sunday-schools	1,410 23
93 Young People's Societies.....	599 90
18 Women's Societies.....	217 14
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	\$87,241 92
Deduct amount received from three New Jersey Associations.	<u>4,872 96</u>
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Total from New York.....	\$82,368 96

Churches	\$23,020 17	
Individuals	52,597 50	
Legacies	4,809 68	
99 Sunday-schools	1,119 62	
88 Y. P. Societies	604 20	
16 Women's Societies	217 79	
	<hr/>	\$82,368 96

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Total amount received in 1897-'98.....	\$94,701 91	
Deduct amt. designated for debt... \$1,300 00		
Deduct special gift for Spelman		
Seminary	8,134 00	
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Actual Deficiency this year.....		\$2,898 95

The work of correspondence with pastors and churches, and giving strict attention to the careful distribution of literature among the smaller churches as well as the larger, has been prosecuted with diligence during the entire year. From nearly twenty-years' observation and experience, as missionary and collecting agent, the Secretary is convinced that the giving of Baptists for Home Missions will be in proportion to their knowledge of mission fields, and the blessed results that follow missionary labor upon them.

Last year the Secretary reported 175 churches added to the list of contributors, and 57 more have been added this year. Most of these have only given small amounts, but with increased knowledge upon the subject of missions, and with the added joy that comes from giving for missions, there will follow increased contributions.

The Secretary takes great pleasure in recognizing the valuable aid rendered by Mrs. William Scott, who entered the Society's service in May, 1898. She visited many churches and associations, and by her thrilling descriptions of the needs and sufferings of her people, and her fervent appeals in their behalf, awakened a deep interest in the Society's missionary and educational work among the Negroes in the Southern States, and secured valuable contributions for its further prosecution and enlargement.

Following is a detailed statement of Mrs. Scott's labors:

Number of churches visited, 126; Sunday-schools, 24; Young People's Societies, 15; Women's Societies, 20; number of Associations attended, 22; number of Conventions, 4; number of Pastors' Conferences and other meetings, 12; number of addresses delivered, 223; amount of money collected, \$1185.35; amount of pledges taken, \$1608.32; amount received for subscriptions to *Monthly*, \$120.00.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT: PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY,
DELAWARE AND DISTRICT COLUMBIA.

E. B. PALMER, D.D., PHILADELPHIA, PA., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The total amount received from this district during the year, exclusive of the offerings to the Women's Home Mission Society, is, \$27,740.07. Of this amount, \$21,520.00 have come from Pennsylvania, \$4569.55 from Southern New Jersey, \$775.73 from Delaware, and \$883.74 from District of Columbia.

There have been 483 contributing churches, against 476 last year; 95 Sunday-schools, against 117 last year; 41 Young People's Societies, against 27 last year; and 60 individual contributors, against 53 the previous year, making a total of 684, against 631 for the year preceding.

The amounts received from these different sources are shown in the following analysis:

Total from Churches this year.....	\$11,484 77
Total from Churches last year.....	11,233 50
Increase over last year.....	<u>\$251 27</u>
Total from individuals this year.....	\$7,322 85
Total from individuals last year.....	8,150 00
Decrease from last year.....	<u>\$827 15</u>
Total from Sunday-schools this year.....	\$740 42
Total from Sunday-schools last year.....	991 79
Decrease from last year.....	<u>\$251 37</u>
Total from Y. P. Societies this year.....	\$204 58
Total from Y. P. Societies last year.....	160 58
Increase over last year.....	<u>44 00</u>
Total from other organizations this year.....	41 50
Total from other organizations last year.....	97 75
Decrease from last year.....	<u>\$56 25</u>

Total from Legacies this year.....	\$3,638 20
Total from Legacies last year.....	6,438 41
Decrease from last year.....	<u>2,800 21</u>
Total from Annuities this year.....	\$4,300 00
Total from Annuities last year.....	1,700 00
Increase over last year.....	<u>\$2,600 00</u>
Total from all sources this year.....	\$27,740 67
Total from all sources last year.....	28,772 03
Decrease from last year.....	<u>\$1,031 36</u>

The decrease in our receipts, \$1031.36, is due, in part, to the change of time of taking offerings, in accordance with the suggestion from the Systematic Beneficence Committee. This has thrown over several offerings into the next year.

The discussion which has entered into the history of the year, and which at one time seemed to betoken the possible alienation of some supporters of the Society, came to a happy issue. The brief antagonism has subsided, with possibly here and there an exception. There is reasonable ground to hope that, with a fuller understanding of the work of the Home Mission Society, there will be an enlarged support for the coming years.

Special attention has been given to the contributions from the Young People's Societies. It was found that these organizations are largely interested in what is known as "specifics." The Home Mission Society has thus far steadily refused to make appeals along this line, and the result is that a large bulk of their offerings has gone in other directions. Attention was called to this fact in a circular letter addressed to all the Societies in the District, and we are gratified to report a larger number of offerings from this source than heretofore. Had we followed out our original intention, we are satisfied that the results would have been still larger. It is to be hoped, however, that in some way this one-sided development may be corrected; certain it is, that these organizations, patriotic and loyal as they are in other ways, should come more fully to realize that

there is a wide and needy field committed to the Home Mission Society, in every way worthy their prayerful attention.

The appeal made to the Sunday-schools in behalf of Cuba and Porto Rico in Chapel Day Exercises, has been generously responded to. The results, however, have come in too late to be included in this report.

Pennsylvania has a very large foreign population. It is grouped in the large industrial centers and in the coke and coal regions. The Ministers' Conference of the Abington and Wyoming Associations made a careful study of Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties in this particular. As a result, application was made to the Home Mission Society to join the Pennsylvania State Mission Society, and the above-named Associations, in taking up work in the above counties. A plan of coöperation was effected. One missionary has been on the field for several months. The beginning is most auspicious, and there is every reason to anticipate most gratifying results in the future.

My work in the Spring was somewhat interrupted by sickness. I have visited 66 churches, attended 21 Associations, and provided a substitute to speak at those which I was unable to reach in person. I have preached 48 sermons, delivered 65 addresses and lectures; have sent out about 4500 letters and 25,000 circulars.

THE LAKE DISTRICT: MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

E. H. E. JAMESON, D.D., DETROIT, MICH., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The churches in Ohio and Michigan keep on in the "even tenor of their way." I wish they were not so "even" in their way of giving. It would be gratifying to report an increase in contributions all along the line, but this privilege is denied us; though there are some churches that have more than doubled their gifts over previous years. One earnest young pastor, who attended the Anniversaries at Rochester, went home full of enthusiasm, laid the matter before his people, appointed a committee to solicit pledges, and awaited the result. It was a gain of seventy dollars over the preceding year. Other pastors have taken hold of the work in earnest, with sermons, literature, and personal solicitation, and grand results have been realized. But the trouble is, largely, with the pastors, that will not lead and instruct their people, or will not permit the secretaries and field-workers to come and give instruction. Notwithstanding this view of the situation, there is much encouragement. The young people in the churches are beginning to be interested in the work of missions, and are reading more on the subject than formerly. I have sent out more literature during the year than heretofore, and am hearing of good results from it.

The seed is bound to bear fruit. There is a good degree of business prosperity on every hand. Fewer Christian people are out of employment than last year, and farmers complain less of low prices. All that is needed to increase contributions is an awakened conscience among church members, and a true sense of personal responsibility. I give below some figures that will show the results of the year's work, with a few comparisons that are not altogether odious, together with what the district has yielded to the Society, apart from what I have gathered:

GENERAL STATEMENT.

From Churches, Sunday-Schools, Young People's Societies, Women's Societies, and from Individuals.....	11,711 62
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DETAILED STATEMENT.

Contributions from Churches, Sunday-Schools, Young People's Societies, and miscellaneous gifts and legacies in Michigan	\$5,026 29
Contributions from the same sources in Ohio.....	6,029 33
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Total Contributions	\$11,055 62
Of the above total amount,	
188 Churches in Michigan gave.....	\$3,018 92
35 Sunday-schools.....	177 70
16 Young People's Societies.....	59 99
The Woman's Home Mission Society.....	650 00
One Legacy	1,000 00
Various individual and miscellaneous gifts.....	119 68
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Total from Michigan.....	\$5,100 03
The part Ohio had in this work may be stated as follows:	
192 Churches contributed.....	\$4,278 27
25 Sunday-Schools gave.....	164 53
21 Young People's Societies gave.....	168 11
The Women's Societies of Cleveland and Dayton Associations	322 55
Individual gifts and small legacies.....	1,075 87
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Total from Ohio.....	\$6,029 33

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS.

Total receipts from all sources last year in Michigan and Ohio	\$21,557 69
Total receipts this year, not including the gifts from Martin E. Gray.....	11,711 11
Total gifts this year, including the gifts of Dea. Gray.....	78,711 11
Total receipts from Churches last year.....	\$7,344 14
Total receipts from Churches this year.....	7,297 19
Total contributions from Sunday-Schools last year.....	329 18
Total contributions from Sunday-Schools this year.....	342 23
Total contributions from Young People last year.....	215 08
Total contributions from Young People this year.....	228 10
Total contributions from Women's Societies last year.....	1,462 70
Total contributions from Women's Societies this year.....	972 55
Total from Individual gifts and legacies last year.....	12,246 59
Total from Individual gifts and legacies this year.....	2,214 87

In Michigan, last year, 123 churches made contributions. In Michigan, this year, 188 churches made contributions. In Michigan, last year, 15 Sunday-schools and 10 Young People's Societies contributed to the Society; in Michigan, this year, 35 Sunday-schools and 16 Young People's Societies contributed.

In Ohio, last year, 218 churches, 19 Sunday-schools, and 12 Young People's Societies contributed to our work; in the same State, this year, 192 churches, 25 Sunday-schools, and 21 Young People's Societies have contributed.

The amount received from legacies last year was, in Michigan, \$3000; in Ohio, \$8000; this year the amount, in Michigan, was \$1000; in Ohio, less than \$1000, not including the gifts of Martin E. Gray.

In looking back six years, I find there has been an increase in the number of contributing churches, Sunday-schools, and Young People's Societies, but the amount contributed has not been made much larger. Under the Systematic-Beneficence Plan the smaller churches are giving more regularly, but some of the large churches are giving in less amounts. The churches need to study and practise proportionate giving.

The Society has kindly sent to my assistance Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, an experienced missionary, and an interesting and effective speaker. She commenced her work in March, and has already created an interest among the Young People, as well as in church circles, by her earnest addresses, illustrated by a rich experience in the Western States.

To perform my usual and unusual work of the year, I have traveled about 19,000 miles; visited 78 churches; attended 34 Associations and 22 other meetings; preached 64 sermons, and delivered 94 addresses; besides

doing a large amount of office work, which involved the writing of 2200 letters, and the sending out of many circulars and packages.

I trust the year upon which I enter, which is the tenth of my service, will be more productive than any of the preceding.

WABASH DISTRICT: INDIANA AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

REV. SCHUYLER C. FULMER, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

This district includes the State of Indiana and that part of the State of Illinois lying south of Bloomington. Inasmuch as there are many who will read this report that do not know the peculiar makeup of the district, I give the following facts for their information. In Indiana there are 87 churches having all-time preaching, 3 having three-fourths' time, 102 having one-half time, 240 having one-fourth time, and 82 having no regular preaching, making in all 514 churches. In Illinois there are 70 churches having all-time preaching, 4 having three-fourths time, 90 having one-half time, 409 having one-fourth time, and 83 having no regular preaching, making in all 656 churches. Combining these we have for the district 157 churches having all-time preaching, 7 having three-fourths time, 192 having one-half time, 649 having one-fourth time, and 165 having no regular preaching, making a total in the district of 1170 churches. It will be observed that the all-time churches are only a little more than 13 per cent. of the whole number, and that the number having one-fourth time and those having no regular preaching are almost 70 per cent. of the whole. These facts were compiled from correspondence which I had with the clerks and moderators of the associations. They will also show how very difficult it is to collect funds for mission purposes, as nearly all of the churches not having all-time preaching are located in the country and mostly off the railroads. During the winter and early spring the roads in many parts are almost impassable. Many pastors and church officials coöperate with me most heartily in the securing of funds, and I am at work securing as fast as I can a good man to act as Associational Secretary in each association and a good person to act as Church Secretary in each church. In the securing of these helpers I am making good progress, considering the difficulties in the way, and also the fact that they receive no remuneration for their services, but work for the love of the cause.

In the financial statement there will be noted a falling off in central and southern Illinois. There are a number of reasons for this, among which are the following: the entire failure of the apple crop in the southern part of the State, a poor wheat crop in many sections, and the loss of large numbers of hogs with the cholera, the debt on the State Mission Board and on the Sunday-school Commission, an effort to raise endowment money for two colleges, and, not the least, a great revival of interest in Associational Missions and an effort on the part of many associations to support

a missionary within their own bounds. This ought not to be made an excuse, but was made one by many for not giving to outside objects as liberally as heretofore. Undoubtedly a severe attack of malarial fever, which came upon me at the beginning of the associational season, and which prevented me from attending any of the meetings during August and September, had its results, to some extent, in this shortage. I take pleasure, however, in calling attention to the gain of over 20 per cent made in Indiana on the income from churches, Sunday-schools, Baptist Young People's Unions, and personal contributions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—IN INDIANA.

29 B. Y. P. Unions gave.....	\$ 89 40
31 Sunday-schools gave.....	125 43
56 personal gifts amounted to.....	488 78
295 churches gave.....	2,290 78
Total	<u>\$2,994 39</u>
Total last year.....	2,486 41
Gain this year.....	<u>\$507 98</u>

IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

7 Associational collections amounted to.....	\$20 36
2 Women's Societies gave.....	8 75
23 B. Y. P. Unions gave.....	86 27
22 Sunday-schools gave.....	101 92
91 personal gifts amounted to.....	710 25
197 churches gave.....	1,116 99
Total	<u>\$2,044 54</u>
Total last year.....	2,413 95
Loss this year.....	<u>\$369 41</u>

IN THE DISTRICT.

Total from all sources this year.....	\$6,408 93
Total from all sources last year.....	6,327 03
Increase this year.....	<u>\$81 90</u>
Total from churches last year.....	\$3,573 32
Total from churches this year.....	3,407 77
Decrease this year.....	<u>\$165 55</u>

Total from individuals this year.....	\$1,199 03
Total from individuals last year.....	855 70
Increase this year.....	<u>\$343 33</u>
Total from Sunday-schools last year.....	\$227 39
Total from Sunday-schools this year.....	227 35
Decrease this year.....	<u>\$ 04</u>
Total from Young People's Societies last year.....	\$194 81
Total from Young People's Societies this year.....	175 67
Decrease this year.....	<u>\$19 14</u>
Total contribution to Annuity Fund this year.....	\$1,370 00
Total contribution to Annuity Fund last year.....	526 67
Increase this year.....	<u>\$843 33</u>

My personal work is partially represented by the following: Addresses made, 109; sermons preached, 30; prayer-meetings attended, 16; other meetings attended, 29; churches visited, 65; associations attended personally, 4 (this number is so small on account of my sickness referred to above), and by proxy, 55; State Conventions attended, 2; was also present at the Anniversaries at Rochester; letters written, 3131; postals written, 511; miles traveled, personally and by a *few* of my representatives at the Associations, 13,629; copies of the Annual Report distributed, 238; copies of the *Home Mission Monthly* given away, 962; pages of other literature distributed, 265,388; mite-boxes sent out, 1900; number of personal calls made, 74; and number of personal visits, 93. I have secured 49 new subscribers to the *Home Mission Monthly* and 87 renewals.

CHICAGO DISTRICT: NORTHERN ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN.

JUDSON B. THOMAS, D.D., CHICAGO, ILL., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

In reviewing the past year's work in this District, we find reason for encouragement. In comparing results of the year with those of former years, there is cause for gratitude. This year we have sent in to our missionary treasury \$13,277.24, while last year our total receipts were \$12,610.72. This is a gain of \$666.52. But this means more than appears on the surface. Our rental receipts have materially diminished. From this

source last year we received \$3534.99, while this year our properties have netted us only \$927.77, so that the increase in collections from the churches has been, by so much the more, satisfactory.

Some of the special difficulties of the year to be considered and overcome appear: (1) In frequent changes of the pastorates. Last fall in Wisconsin and this spring in Illinois there has been a perfect stampede in the pastorates. This produces confusion and great loss. Missionary causes are the first to suffer. Systematic work is broken into, and frequently new pastors make such entire changes in the working plans of the churches that much loss is sustained in the adjustment to new conditions. (2) The matter of property rentals was something over which, in the very nature of the case, we had no control, but it greatly perplexed just the same. (3) The long-continued prevalence of the "la-grippe" epidemic has seriously hindered church work in every department. This sickness has not been so fatal as in other years, but much more general, and has thus been a cause of interference and of anxiety. (4) The prolonged and unusually intense cold weather has depleted congregations and rendered traveling inconvenient, and at times dangerous. (5) The most important and peculiar difficulty of the year was the adoption of the wheel plan of benevolence in Wisconsin. This is the best and most advantageous way of building up systematic and proportionate giving in a State, but in its introduction there are difficulties to be overcome and adjustments to be made. The machinery has to be set going. There is necessarily slight friction at first, though assured smoothness and utility in the end. Our various secretaries have worked together in this matter with the most complete harmony, and we have reason to expect better things to follow.

But, over against the few difficulties there have been so many encouragements and delights that the year has been a constant pleasure. The cordial welcome of pastors and the deepening interest in home-mission work are causes of gratitude. The most general sympathy is expressed with the new work that has been taken up in Alaska, and in Cuba, and Porto Rico. The willingness and eagerness of the Society to enter these open doors have given new confidence in its management, and ought to add materially to its income.

The coöperation with the Chicago City Mission Society is adding stability and permanency to the work of that organization, and at the same time bringing more prominently and practically before the churches the vast and varied work of our Home Mission Society. In a very true sense the secret of national perpetuity lies in the solution of municipal control and evangelization. In thus inaugurating coöperation with city work, our Society has struck at the very root of things. Our churches growingly appreciate this. The better establishment of our mission churches in this district during the past year has been very marked. Three new, substantial buildings have been erected by our Swedish brethren at important

points. The work among our foreign population in general has been characterized by substantial growth. These churches are well manned, and are doing aggressive work. There are open doors among the foreign peoples that ought to be entered at once. Delay means loss to our cause, and eternal loss to the unsaved, who might have been reached had we but been alert and willing as a denomination and as individuals.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT: WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA, NORTH
DAKOTA, AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

O. A. WILLIAMS, D.D., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The offerings of the churches in Wisconsin are sent to Rev. J. B. Thomas, D.D., Chicago, Ill. This report, therefore, includes only three States of this district. It should be stated here that two of these States and a large part of Minnesota are strictly Home Mission territory. In North Dakota there are but few self-supporting churches, while in Minnesota and South Dakota a large number still receive aid from the Home Mission Society.

The aim in this particular department of my work has been to present to the churches the manifold work carried on by our Society, to enlist their interest in it, to develop the spirit of benevolence for the work of Home Missions outside of the State, and to secure an offering from each church. While we have come far short of our ideal, something has been accomplished in the education of the churches. One particular difficulty is encountered in these coöperating States. The impression is prevalent among pastors and members of churches that money contributed to State Missions is also money contributed for Home Missions in the broader sense. We have not succeeded in convincing some that both these interests have their claims upon them. It is to be regretted that, owing to the discontinuance of a representative to present the claims of the Home Mission Society in their own tongue, there has been a decrease in the contributions of the Swedish Baptist churches in Minnesota from the sums reported in previous years. This certainly is not due to a lack of appreciation of what has been done by the Society, and will doubtless be remedied in the course of time.

The Baptist denomination in Minnesota and the Northwest suffered a great loss in the death of Hon. Geo. A. Pillsbury, whose interest in and support of missions, as well as of Christian education was hearty and liberal. Provision to the amount of \$5000 was made in his will for Home Missions.

The contributions of the year have been as follows:

MINNESOTA.

Churches contributing: American, 57; Swedish, 28; Dane-Nor., 7; total 92.

Total contributions from churches:

American	\$1,430 25
Swedish	178 31
Dane-Norwegian	55 67

Total	\$1,664 23
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Total contributions from individuals.....	187 50
“ “ from Women's Societies.....	17 35
“ “ from Young People's Societies.....	1 93
“ “ from Sunday-schools.....	11 20
“ “ for Permanent and Conditional Trust	

Funds	2,300 00
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Total contributions.....	\$4,182 21
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Total contributions from legacies.....	700 00
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	\$4,882 21
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Total contributions last year.....	\$1,780 86
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Total contributions for Church-Edifice Fund, 1898.....	196 78
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SOUTH DAKOTA.

Churches contributing: American, 8; Scandinavian, 9; total, 17.

Total contributions from churches:

American	\$ 79 18
Scandinavian	72 78

Total	\$149 96
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Total contributions from individuals.....	27 00
“ “ from Women's Societies.....	20 00
“ “ from Young People's Societies.....	9 35

Total contributions.....	\$206 31
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Total contributions for last year.....	\$136 23
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NORTH DAKOTA.

Churches contributing: American, 8; Scandinavian, 1; total, 9.

Total contributions from churches:

American	\$49 85
Scandinavian	5 00

Total	54 85
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Total contributions from individuals.....	1 73
“ “ from Young People's Societies.....	1 50
“ “ from Sunday-schools.....	2 80

Total contributions.....	\$60 88
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Total contributions last year.....	\$96 58
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CENTRAL DISTRICT: IOWA, KANSAS, NEBRASKA, AND COLORADO.

REV. D. D. PROPER, DES MOINES, IOWA, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

During the past year one change has taken place in administration, whereby, Rev. N. B. Rairden, Superintendent of Missions, who has been doing District Secretary work in connection with Mission work, was assigned to the work of Superintendent of Missions for the Trans-Mississippi Division, and the writer was appointed District Secretary for the Central District comprising the States of Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. There are 1430 churches in this District, and it requires the time and labors of one man to represent, in any adequate manner, the Society's work.

The past year has witnessed an increase in the amount of collections in all the States of this District.

In Iowa the work of taking separate collections apart from the Convention, is now quite well recognized and there is a steady increase each year. In Kansas and Nebraska this work was begun later, and it is not quite so well established as in Iowa, but there is a healthy increase in the number of churches coming to recognize the needs of the Society for this separate collection.

In Colorado this work of taking a separate collection apart from the Convention, has really just begun in most of the churches, and it is hoped that there may be a steady increase developed.

There is no question but what the churches of this District, which have so liberally shared in the benevolences of the Society, should come, and will come in due time, to recognize the great National work of the Society, and make annual offerings for it.

My term of service in this work began November 1st, so that I have had

only five months of work, and thus I have been able to visit only a part of the churches. As the representative of the Society, I have uniformly received a cordial reception by pastors and churches.

Plans of Systematic Beneficence have been adopted in all these States whereby certain periods of time are given the different divisions of the field for the consideration of the Home Mission work, in connection with the other benevolences.

During the five months I have performed the following work, *viz.*: Visited 66 churches to present the work of the Society, and 18 places to confer with pastors about the work, and to attend prayer-meetings; preached 58 sermons; gave 22 addresses; attended four State Conventions; one Association; one Missionary Conference; one Ministers' meeting; one Young People's Rally; sent out 3270 letters; 385 postal cards; traveled 14,481 miles, and distributed a large amount of literature.

The following table gives the financial record for the entire year, for these four States, not counting the Church Edifice contributions, which go through the channels of the State Conventions, which are all in coöperation with the Society.

IOWA.

	Apr. 1, '97, to Apr. 1, '98.	Apr. 1, '98, to Apr. 1, '99	Decrease.	Increase.
Churches and individuals	\$2,505 24	\$2,666 37		\$161 13
Y. P. Societies	64 16	55 63	\$8 53	
Sunday-school	204 32	300 91		96 59
Women's M. S.	25 27	13 70	11 57	
Legacies		142 15		142 15
Annuities		1,000 00		1,000 00
Total	\$2,798 99	\$4,178 76	20 10	\$1,399 87

KANSAS.

	Apr. 1, '97, to Apr. 1, '98.	Apr. 1, '98, to Apr. 1, '99.	Decrease.	Increase.
Churches and individuals	\$1,229 67	1,226 91	2 76	
Y. P. Societies	3 00	3 50		50
Sunday-school	10 47	59 41		48 94
Women's M. S.	19 00	2 80	16 20	
Legacies				
Total	\$1,262 14	\$1,292 62	\$18 96	\$49 44

NEBRASKA.

	Apr. 1, '97, to Apr. 1, '98.	Apr. 1, '98, to Apr. 1, '99.	Decrease.	Increase.
Churches and individuals	\$675 23	\$923 70		\$248 47
Y. P. Societies.	1 60	8 90		7 30
Sunday-school.	15 18	15 29		11
Women's H. M. S.	2 50	7 50		5 00
Legacies.				
Total	\$694 51	\$955 39		\$250 88

COLORADO.

	Apr. 1, '97, to Apr. 1, '98.	Apr. 1, '98, to Apr. 1, '99.	Decrease.	Increase.
Churches and individuals.....	\$306 35	\$453 71		147 36
Y. P. Societies.....				
Sunday-school.....		25 60		25 60
Women's H. M. S.....				
Legacies.....				
Total.....	\$306 35	\$479 31		178 96

Total receipts from churches and individuals..... \$5,270 69
 Total receipts from churches and individuals last year..... 4,716 49

Increase this year..... \$1,554 20
 Total receipts from Young People's Societies..... \$68 03
 Total receipts from Young People's Societies last year..... 68 76

Decrease this year..... \$ 73
 Total receipts from Sunday-schools..... \$401 21
 Total receipts from Sunday-schools last year..... 229 97

Increase this year..... \$171 24
 Total receipts from Women's Societies..... \$24 00
 Total receipts from Women's Societies last year..... 46 77

Decrease this year..... \$22 77

Total annuities.....	\$1,500 00
Total annuities last year.....	
Increase this year.....	\$1,500 00
Total legacies.....	\$142 15
Total legacies last year.....	
Increase this year.....	\$142 15
Total receipts from all sources.....	\$6,906 08
Total receipts from all sources last year.....	5,061 99
Net increase this year.....	\$2,344 09

PACIFIC DISTRICT: WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA.

REV. C. A. WOODY, PORTLAND, OREGON, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The general conditions in my district, at the close of this year, are very much more favorable than for the past five years. The general financial condition of the Coast States has very materially improved during the year, and the general outlook for business prosperity is most hopeful. Crop prospects, at this writing, from Washington to Southern California, are brighter than for many years. The general condition of our work, in the five Conventions in this district, is better than for many years. More of our churches are supplied with pastors, a larger number of baptisms is reported, and a spirit of hopefulness and confidence is very marked. In Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, by generous increase of appropriations from the Society, the Convention work has been greatly strengthened and enlarged. In Western Washington several fields, regarded as very hopeless, a year ago, are now occupied, and in promising condition. Two of the most perplexing problems, of a year since, have lost their problematic character and the outlook is hopeful. An increased appropriation from the Society to Oregon has called for a like increase from the churches, which will tax their giving very severely this year. The Northern California Convention has been engaged in a serious effort to provide for all its indebtedness. This involved the giving by the churches of some \$3000 more than their usual contributions, which has precluded the giving of very large amounts to other objects. The Southern California Convention brought to a magnificent conclusion its effort to provide for its large debt.

I am pleased to report that there is a growing conviction in all parts of the field, that regular contributions to Home Missions, as distinguished from Convention Missions, should be made by all the churches; but the habit of long years, of calling offerings made to the Convention treasury

Home Missions, is not easily changed, and many of the churches are greatly surprised to find that they have made no Home Mission offering at all; having supposed that their Convention offering was an offering to the Home Mission Society. Of course, this condition will change slowly, and the churches will gradually learn this distinction, and make their offerings accordingly. That the churches in this district are now giving annually about \$10,000 for Convention Mission work is an evidence that they are deeply interested in it.

The contributions for the past year from this district are as follows:

Fifty-two Churches gave.....	\$1,100 51
Twenty-five Sunday-Schools gave.....	54 40
Four Young People's Societies gave.....	13 10
Twenty-eight Individuals gave.....	213 50
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A total of.....	\$1,381 51

This is an increase over the last year of twenty-one contributing churches, fifteen contributing Sunday-schools, and four contributing Young People's Societies, and shows an increase in contribution for the general work of the Society of about 100 per cent.; since more than one-half the amount reported last year belonged to the joint-debt fund. The very generous offering of the First Church, Los Angeles, of nearly \$350, is worthy of special mention, both on account of its liberality, and as an example, which other large churches in the district may well follow. In addition to the amounts above reported, it seems to me only fitting that mention should be made of the \$42,388.18 annuity funds released to the work of the Society, by the death of Mrs. M. M. Gray of Oakland, Cal., and the addition of \$1000 to the Permanent Trust Funds of the Society, from the same source.

Uniting these amounts with the amounts contributed by the living, the total amount from this district during the year has been \$44,758.69.

My personal labors during the year may be briefly summed up as follows: Churches visited, 32; Associations, 14; other meetings attended, 20; weeks of service, 52; sermons, 17; addresses delivered, 53; prayer-meetings attended, 55; pages of tracts distributed, 16,000 Paid for traveling expenses, \$250.00; for postage, \$13.30; stationery and printing, \$35.52; miles traveled, 21,081; letters written, 387.

I am glad to report cordial coöperation of all the General Missionaries in the district, and also that of pastors and other brethren, in all parts of the field. I cannot close the report without mentioning the great loss which this field has suffered in the death, last February, of Dr. H. C. Woods, our General Superintendent for the Rocky Mountain Division. Our annual gatherings, and, indeed, all the work of the Society in the

district, will miss his presence and helpfulness, but the memory of his life and service among us will be an inspiration for years to come.

KANAWHA DISTRICT: WEST VIRGINIA.

W. E. POWELL, D.D., PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The conditions for collecting money in this district during the last year have not been as favorable as hoped for one year ago.

While the grazing districts were well stocked during the last year, it was done at very high prices, and but little of this stock has yet been placed on the market; so that the stock-men and farmers generally have found the last year a very close one financially; but it is now expected that much of this stock will be sold during the present year, and this will put into circulation much more money among our country churches.

There has been a very healthy growth of interest and sympathy for the Society and its work during the last year, as indicated by the many calls for literature and the many questions asked about legacies and annuities, and for the first time in the history of the Society it has received a legacy for more than \$10,000 from West Virginia.

The following table will indicate the sources of receipts:

Total contribution from 285 churches.....	\$1,126 20
Total contributions from 14 individuals.....	234 76
Total contributions from 26 Sunday-schools.....	112 20
Total contribution from 1 Woman's Mission Circle.....	3 00
Total contributions from 2 legacies.....	10,724 01
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Total contributions from all sources.....	\$12,200 17

PERSONAL WORK.

Weeks of service, 52; churches visited, 79; associations attended, 18; other public meetings held and attended, 30; sermons preached, 85; addresses made, 137; prayer-meetings attended, 87; religious visits made, 287; pages of tracts distributed, 102,800; Sunday-schools organized, 2; assisted in the dedication of 9 church-edifices; secured at these dedications, \$4927; saved two good church-houses, which were about to be sold for debts; I have collected in cash for the Society, \$12,200.17; and for the *Home Mission Monthly*, \$9; paid for traveling expenses, \$342.55; postage, \$53.00; stationery, \$5.18; expressage and telegrams, \$6.25; traveled, 9875 miles; written 3455 letters; and 1045 postal-cards.

I have given much attention to the cultivation of the spirit of benevolence, not only in the churches in a general way, but especially as to gifts

by legacies and annuities, and from these last-named sources we have the promise of generous returns.

The work done by our 12 missionaries in this State during the last year has been very satisfactory and far reaching in its influence. The demands of the field were never so great and pressing and the outlook was never so promising as at this time.

II. MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The details of the various missionary operations for the year will be found set forth with some fulness in the reports of the various Superintendents of Missions and General Missionaries. It may be said in general that the year has been one of normal progress.

I. WESTERN MISSIONS.

The most notable feature of the western field is the improved financial situation. The panic of 1893, together with the widespread drought and low price of grain, brought upon the Western States generally almost unparalleled hardships. The churches suffered immensely; many meeting-houses were closed entirely; some churches became disorganized; pastors were obliged to leave their fields for lack of support, and there was widespread distress and discouragement. In the greater portion of the field all this has been changed. Abundant rains have fallen; enormous harvests have been gathered; business has returned to its usual channels, churches have taken courage; meeting-houses have been reopened; pastors recalled; church-debts reduced, and a general spirit of hopefulness is apparent. This condition is very gratifying, but while it brings hope to our workers and relief to our treasury, it necessarily involves extension and increased demands upon us for aid in occupying new fields and in keeping pace with the vast tide of immigration again setting in toward the West.

The one notable exception to this condition of things seems to be Southern California, which has entered upon a second year of severe drought which seems to be largely paralyzing all industries and sadly interrupting missionary operations.

Utah calls just now for increased vigor in all missionary

activities. The Mormons are showing unusual zeal in their missionary work and are aggressive at every point, seeking not only to retain their supremacy in Utah but to grasp the balance of power in Idaho, Wyoming, and other States and Territories. We regret very much that a lack of funds forbids large additions to our aggressive missionary workers in that very important field.

2. MISSIONS AMONG THE FOREIGN PEOPLES.

The most notable feature of missionary work among the foreign populations during the past year has been the steady growth of the Italian work. There are now well-established missions among these people at Barre, Vt., Boston, Mass., Providence, R. I., Stamford, Conn., New York City and Buffalo, N. Y., and Newark and Orange, N. J. The progress is slow, but steady and full of hope.

3. PORTO RICO AND CUBA.

By an agreement between the representatives of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, formulated in the Conference in Washington, D. C., November, 1898, Porto Rico and the two Eastern Provinces of Cuba were designated as the sphere of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and steps were immediately taken to occupy it. By a singular Providence, three able men, of many years' experience in missionary work among Roman Catholic people in Mexico, each with a practical mastery of the Spanish tongue, were found available for the work in the West Indies. Rev. H. P. McCormick, assisted by Miss Ida Hayes, a woman of rare accomplishments and decided individuality, is at work in San Juan as a center, from which he reaches out to cities in the northern part of the island. Rev. A. B. Rudd will enter upon his work in Ponce at an early day. Rev. Dr. H. R. Moseley was at work for two months in Eastern Cuba as General Missionary, and, after a temporary absence to close up his affairs at home, will return to Santiago for permanent service. It is hoped that the Society will be able to occupy at least five important centers, viz.: Santiago,

Guantanamo, Holguin, Puerto Principe, and Manzanillo. Rev. James T. McGovern has been transferred from the City of Mexico, and is temporarily at work in Santiago, Cuba; his permanent place of labor not having been yet determined. Rev. W. E. DeClaybrook has been selected to labor at Guantanamo. Other appointments will be made as soon as qualified missionaries can be found. Your Board has felt it important to insist upon a practical acquaintance with the Spanish tongue as an essential prerequisite to appointment.

From personal inspection of Eastern Cuba the Corresponding Secretary is able to report that there is a wide-open door for Protestant missions in that island. The great mass of the Cuban people have been thoroughly alienated from the Roman Catholic Church and joyously welcome the coming of Protestant missions. There is already a church of 150 members at Santiago; another of 50 members at Guantanamo. An annual expenditure in these two islands of a sum equivalent to that expended for a few years past in Oklahoma Territory will undoubtedly produce very gratifying results. God, in His good providence has brought these islands within the sphere of influence of the United States, opened them to Protestantism, and seems to be laying upon the Baptists special responsibilities and privileges.

4. RELATIONS WITH OTHER SOCIETIES.

Every year brings to the Society new subjects for consideration, new work of some sort to be undertaken, new problems for solution, readjustments of its relations to some other organization, the adoption of new measures for the more efficient prosecution of its work. Few have been the years when more special matters have taxed the thought of those charged chiefly with the administration of the Society's affairs than the last. There have been two formal conferences between representatives of this Society and those of the Missionary Union; one with representatives of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and one with representatives of the American Baptist Publica-

tion Society. Some of these were preceded, accompanied, or followed by painstaking effort to arrive at just and proper conclusions. In all of these Conferences there was displayed a delightful Christian spirit, even though on some points, naturally enough, there were decided differences of opinion. In all instances harmonious conclusions were reached.

CONFERENCES WITH MISSIONARY UNION.

In November a Conference was held in New Haven, Conn., between representatives of this Society and of the Missionary Union, particularly to consider the relations of these societies to each other in the prosecution of missionary work in the new countries that had become a part of our national domain or were under our protectorate. It was decided that Porto Rico, Cuba, and the Hawaiian Islands shall be regarded as Home-Mission territory, and the Philippine Islands as Foreign-Mission territory.

The second Conference, called at the request of representatives of the Missionary Union, had reference to methods of the societies in the presentation of their work to the churches and to the right development of the spirit of beneficence among the churches, including young people's organizations. The conclusions were essentially as follows:

That all representatives of the two societies should seek to develop an intelligent, sympathetic, and abiding interest in the work of both societies;

That the churches be recommended to have fixed periods each year for the several objects of Christian beneficence.

That the young people be recommended to conform their plans of beneficence, so far as practicable, to those of the churches with which they are connected and to transmit their offerings through the treasuries of the churches to the various societies;

That while recognizing the liberty of donors to designate their offerings, and while the societies occasionally may find it necessary to make appeals for special purposes, it is wiser as a rule for donors to leave their offerings undesignated and trust to the wisdom of the administration of the societies.

CONFERENCE WITH SOUTHERN BOARD.

On November 23, 1898, a Conference was held in the City of Washington, D. C., between representatives of this Society and those of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to determine the relations of these bodies to each other in work in Cuba and Porto Rico. The Committee from the Southern Board consisted of Revs. Henry McDonald, F. H. Kerfoot, W. W. Landrum, T. P. Bell, S. Y. Jameson, and Hon. Joshua Levering; the Committee from this Society being Revs. T. J. Morgan, B. L. Whitman, A. S. Hobart, S. H. Greene, and H. L. Morehouse. It was unanimously agreed that "The American Baptist Home Mission Society should prosecute its work in the island of Porto Rico, and in the two eastern provinces of Cuba; while the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention should prosecute its work in the remaining provinces of the island of Cuba."

At this Conference other matters were considered, chief of which was the unhappy state of things in Indian and Oklahoma Territories, in consequence of efforts made to divide Baptists into separate organizations based on sectional affiliations. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that there should be harmony among the Baptist workers in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and we recommend that the Secretaries of the Home Mission Board, and of the Home Mission Society, be requested to visit these Territories and seek a basis for such harmony, with authority to associate with themselves brethren from neighboring States as advisers.

Soon thereafter correspondence was opened with the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board to ascertain when the visit to the Territories should be made. In reply to that and subsequent communications he has stated his inability to go, at the same time expressing his doubts about the desirability or value of the proposed visit, and finally announcing that in his judgment the only solution of the question is for the Home Mission Society to withdraw its missionary force from the Territory and that

Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona should be surrendered to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Reply was made that the Home Mission Society after fifty years' work in that region and the expenditure of a half-million dollars, or about ten times the expenditure of the Home Mission Board, is not prepared to consent to such an arrangement; and a plan of coöperation between the two organizations in their work in those Territories was submitted for consideration. Negotiations were abruptly terminated by the brief reply of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board that further correspondence on the subject is undesirable.

The Home Mission Society believes that there should be but one Convention for Indian Territory and one for Oklahoma Territory; that sectional lines there should be ignored, and that a plan of coöperation that shall unify and harmonize the discordant elements is both feasible and imperatively demanded.

CONFERENCE WITH THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

A joint committee from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, consisting of Stephen Greene, T. J. Morgan, H. L. Morehouse, Alvah S. Hobart, W. C. P. Rhoades, C. B. Canfield, E. J. Brockett and W. H. P. Faunce; and from the American Baptist Publication Society, consisting of Samuel A. Crozer, A. J. Rowland, R. G. Seymour, J. Howard Gendell, Wayland Hoyt, George E. Rees and B. F. Dennisson, met February 2, 1899, in Philadelphia, for the purpose of so defining the work of each that in the future there should be as little overlapping of work as possible, either in fact or in the estimation of the public; and in order that each may cooperate cordially with the other in carrying on work for Christ.

It was mutually agreed that the duties of these societies should be as follows:

First: That the American Baptist Home Mission Society shall continue its distinctive work of preaching the Gospel, organizing churches and Sunday-schools in connection therewith, settling

pastors, building meeting-houses, employing missionaries, and conducting educational work among the Freedmen, Indians, Mexicans, etc., as heretofore.

Second: That the American Baptist Publication Society shall continue its distinctive work as the Publishing and Bible Society of our denomination, and also its distinctive work of organizing and establishing Sunday-schools and employing colporteurs.

Third: That the American Baptist Publication Society, in continuing its Chapel Car service, shall so far work in coöperation with the Home Mission Society as to consult with the General or District Missionaries of that Society in regard to fields to be visited, and to refer, as far as practicable, to these Missionaries the baptism of converts, the organization of churches, the settling of pastors and the building of meeting-houses.

Fourth: That in appeals for contributions each Society shall emphasize its own specific and distinctive work.

MISSIONARY SUMMARY.

The following presents a summary exhibit of the missionary operations of the Society:

The whole number of laborers, missionaries and teachers supported wholly or in part by the Society has been 1092.

These have been distributed as follows: In the New England States, 43; in the Middle and Central States, 84; in the Southern States, 201; in the Western States and Territories, 722; in the Canadian Dominion, 17; in Mexico, 19; in Alaska, 2; in Cuba, 2; in Porto Rico, 2. French missionaries have wrought in 6 States; Scandinavian missionaries, in 24 States and Manitoba; German missionaries, in 20 States and Canada; colored missionaries, in 19 States and Territories.

Among the foreign population there have been 300 missionaries and 12 teachers; among the colored people, 55 and 190; the Indians, 22 and 27; the Mexicans, 13 and 8, respectively; among the Mormons, 2 teachers, and among Americans, 504 missionaries.

The Society aids in the maintainance of 31 schools established

CLASSIFIED TABLE OF MISSIONARIES, ETC., OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME
MISSION SOCIETY—FROM 1871 TO 1899, INCLUSIVE.

YEAR.	MISSIONARIES.									SCHOOLS.			Ch. Edifices Erected.
	† Total No. Missionaries and Teachers.	Among Americans.	Among Germans.	Among Scandinavians.	Among French.	Among Mexicans.	Among Indians.	Among Freedmen.†	Among Chinese.	Number.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
1871....	352	149	25	15	4	3	10	73	3	7	20	—	31
1872....	424	265	20	14	7	4	7	75	4	7	19	831	38
1873....	435	289	20	6	6	3	7	68	2	7	25	695	36
1874....	350	230	38	9	8	1	8	13	2	7	21	670	77
1875....	334	210	40	12	6	1	6	28	4	7	26	795	22
1876*....	260	128	54	10	6	1	11	17	2	7	31	848	18
1877....	230	109	37	10	4	1	13	15	—	7	41	871	13
1878....	215	100	32	11	4	—	12	19	1	8	36	1,056	24
1879....	236	108	32	15	4	—	10	21	2	8	44	1,041	10
1880....	281	158	36	18	5	—	9	15	2	8	38	1,191	6
1881....	392	209	40	30	6	—	11	21	3	11	872	1,649	16
1882....	513	202	46	41	6	2	12	21	1	13	889	2,151	66
1883....	607	358	51	40	9	4	8	23	2	14	8112	2,576	97
1884....	636	359	52	53	10	6	15	23	1	17	8126	3,090	106
1885....	695	356	65	62	9	8	14	31	1	17	149	3,182	113
1886....	669	319	72	69	10	10	13	27	2	17	147	3,326	62
1887....	671	319	75	64	11	13	14	14	3	18	158	3,113	62
1888....	733	355	68	74	12	14	18	20	4	18	165	3,661	88
1889....	781	374	69	87	14	15	21	23	5	20	170	3,406	70
1890....	824	391	68	99	15	13	19	27	5	21	184	5,081	87
1891....	938	443	69	114	15	15	24	31	6	26	216	6,163	88
1892....	1053	505	70	126	15	18	21	31	5	27	256	6,687	121
1893....	1082	524	72	123	17	31	17	35	7	35	246	5,493	110
1894....	1111	479	81	124	19	26	35	42	8	36	293	5,053	84
1895....	1100	512	69	139	25	17	24	43	8	52	257	5,794	89
1896....	1147	524	66	146	24	20	23	43	4	53	287	5,876	93
1897....	1064	462	63	149	25	17	17	47	7	44	267	5,900	91
1898....	1030	477	62	141	22	12	21	46	7	43	230	5,524	95
1899....	1092	494	82	136	19	13	22	55	12	41	239	5,500	61

* The plan of coöperation in the States of New York, Michigan, and Illinois terminated in 1875, and 73 missionaries in these States were transferred to the care of their respective State conventions.

† Not including secretaries and agents.

‡ The decrease of missionaries among the Freedmen after 1873 is largely accounted for by the fact that students were no longer commissioned as teachers and missionaries during their summer vacations.

§ Including about ten teachers of government day schools in Indian Territory.

|| Not reported.

Also in 1888-90, 1892-97: Among Poles, 1; among Bohemians, 1. In 1898-99: Among Poles, 3; among Bohemians, 1. In 1891: Among Poles, 2 and Bohemians 3. In 1897-8: Among Poles, 2 and Bohemians 1. In 1888-92-3, 1895: Among Welsh, 1. In 1889-90, 1894-99: Among Portuguese, 1. In 1891-95, 1897-99: Among Finns, 1, and in 1896, 2. In 1895: Among Italians, 1; 1896-7, 3; 1897-98; 1898-9, 8. In 1896-9: Among Jews, 1. In 1897-9: Among Armenians, 1. In 1898-9: Among Japanese, 1. In 1898: Among Latish, 1. In 1898-9: Among Hollanders, 2.

Number of Laborers.....	1,092
Weeks of Labor.....	37,405
Churches and Out-Stations Supplied.....	1,807
Sermons Preached.....	86,744
Prayer-Meetings Attended.....	43,325
Religious Visits Made.....	244,513
Bibles and Testaments Distributed.....	8,374
Pages of Tracts Distributed.....	2,380,078
Received by Baptism.....	3,325
Received by Letter and Experience.....	4,030
Total Church Membership.....	52,755
Churches Organized.....	57
Sunday-schools under Care of Missionaries.....	1,151
Attendance at Sunday-schools.....	72,968
Benevolent Contributions Reported.....	\$87,781.94

RESULTS OF SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS.

Number of Commissions to Missionaries and Teachers.....	23,058
Weeks of Service Reported.....	818,406
*Sermons Preached.....	2,028,823
*Prayer-Meetings Attended.....	1,101,638
*Religious Visits to Families and Individuals.....	5,129,406
Persons Baptized.....	158,919
Churches Organized.....	5,311

*During last fifty-eight years.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND GENERAL MISSIONARIES.

The following is the list of the Superintendents and General Missionaries the past year:

Trans-Mississippi Division—Rev. N. B. Rairden, Omaha, Neb.
 Upper Mississippi District—O. A. Williams, D.D., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Wisconsin—Rev. D. W. Hulburt, Wauwatosa.
 Minnesota—Rev. E. R. Pope, Minneapolis.
 Iowa—Rev. E. P. Bartlett, Des Moines.
 South Dakota—T. M. Shanafelt, D.D., Huron.
 Nebraska—Rev. F. M. Williams, Lincoln.
 Kansas—Rev. E. B. Meredith, Topeka.
 Oklahoma Territory—Rev. L. J. Dyke, Oklahoma City.
 Montana, Utah, South Idaho, and Wyoming—Rev. L. G. Clark, Helena, Mont.

Colorado and New Mexico—Rev. J. W. Crooks, Denver.
East Washington and North Idaho—Rev. A. M. Allyn, Spokane, Wash.
Washington—Rev. W. E. Randall, Tacoma.
Oregon—Rev. Gilman Parker, 175 Fourth street, Portland.
Northern California—Rev. Robert Whitaker, Oakland.
Southern California and Arizona—Rev. C. T. Douglass, Pasadena.
Indian Territory—J. S. Murrow, D.D., Atoka; Daniel Rogers, D.D., Muscogee.
The French—Rev. J. N. Williams, 22 Arch street, Providence, R. I.
The Germans—Rev. G. A. Schulte, 320½ Webster avenue, Jersey City Heights, N. J.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DIVISION: IOWA, NEBRASKA, KANSAS, MISSOURI, OKLAHOMA, INDIAN TERRITORY, COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, UTAH AND WYOMING.

REV. N. B. RAIDEN, OMAHA, NEB., GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Quite a number of changes have been made in the organization of our work in the West during the past year. One year ago I reported as Superintendent of Missions and District Secretary for the Central District, which was composed of the States of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Early in the year, Colorado and New Mexico were added to the District.

In view of the very large amount of work necessary to be done in the development of the churches, in their contributions to the Society, as well as to the organization of the mission work, it was found expedient to organize a Collection District, composed of the States of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado, and Rev. D. D. Proper, then General Missionary for Colorado, was appointed District Secretary, which District retained the old name of the "Central District."

The Trans-Mississippi Division was then organized to include the ten States of Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. The organization and general supervision of our missionary work in this great field is sufficient to tax the ability and strength of any man.

The number of missionaries in this Division during the past year has been, in round numbers, 300, and the amount of money expended in various departments of the Society's missionary, church edifice and educational work approximates \$100,000.

The importance of the field cannot be overestimated. Every one of these States is to be an empire of power. Agricultural and mineral resources are being rapidly developed. The number of missionary workers ought to be greatly increased in every one. Twenty-eight distinct nation-

alities are represented in the population of this Division. The pure gospel is, and must continue to be, the great evangelizing and naturalizing power. We have nothing to fear from the rapid influx of population from any source, if we do our duty in the matter of speedy and vigorous efforts for their evangelization. The whole Western country seems to be entering upon an unprecedented era of prosperity. Trains are now being taxed to their utmost capacity to bring people from the East and from other lands into this great region. To make adequate provision for their religious needs is the imperative duty of our Baptist people.

Money expended now will be as "bread cast upon the waters" which will return not many days hence. Every consideration impels us to enlarged and more efficient methods of evangelization. Men, who are now laying foundations for large fortunes, if reached by the Gospel, will, in the future, be constrained to devote large sums to the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord.

IOWA.

This State is rapidly assuming self-support and after October 31, 1900, will assume entire responsibility for the missionary work within its bounds. The State Convention is laying wise plans for the future. The appropriation the present year is \$250 less than the preceding year for missionary work, being only \$1000.

In Church Edifice work in the State, the Convention and Society share equally in all gifts to churches.

Rev. E. P. Bartlett continues as Secretary and General Missionary. The year closed November 1st, with a debt of several hundred dollars, which has since been provided for. The membership now reaches a total of 40,000.

It was thought wise at the Convention meeting in October to reduce the number of District Missionaries from four to two. Rev. M. J. Sigler has done faithful work in the eastern half of the State and Rev. J. M. Jones in the western.

MISSOURI.

My relation to this State has reference simply to the general supervision of our work among the negroes. Rev. H. N. Bouey continues as General Missionary for the State and has done excellent work during the year. Much of his time has been given to the interests of the school at Macon. Rev. John Goins has continued as District Missionary and has done very satisfactory work. "New Era Institutes" are being held in every Association in the State. Missouri has a system of its own in the collection of funds for both Home and Foreign Missions. Rev. Dr. M. J. Breaker, as Secretary, has charge of all contributions for both objects. He is a wise and faithful leader and is gradually developing the resources of the

State for these objects. It is confidently expected that the receipts of the Society will be largely increased by the general advancement of contributions.

KANSAS.

Our work in Kansas has made steady progress during the past year. Rev. E. B. Meredith continues as Secretary of the State Convention and General Missionary. More than \$30,000 of church property have been saved to the denomination during the past year, largely through his efforts. The State is fast regaining its former prosperity, and our Baptist people are sharing in this. The State itself is gradually assuming the responsibility for carrying on its mission work, the appropriations from the Society being decreased at the rate of \$500 per year. It is hoped and expected that the mission work in the State will be enlarged and receive increased support from the State itself. Two District Missionaries have been employed during the year: Rev. William Wilber for the southwestern part of the State and Rev. J. R. Rairden for the northwestern.

NEBRASKA.

This State has made less progress in the past year than the States surrounding it. This has been due, in a large measure, to the great exodus of pastors from the State during the years of depression. There seems to be now, however, a much more helpful spirit and many churches formerly pastorless have been supplied. Rev. F. M. Williams has continued as Secretary of the Convention and General Missionary, and appropriations to the State from the Society are being decreased at the rate of \$500 per year. It is confidently expected and believed that there will be a large increase in the strength of our denomination in the State.

At the Convention in October two District Missionaries were appointed: Rev. S. C. Green for the northern half of the State and Rev. L. W. Terry for the southern half, and the work is being prosecuted with vigor. It has taken Nebraska longer to recuperate from the depression of a few years ago than her sister States.

COLORADO.

Rev. D. D. Proper served this State as Secretary and General Missionary until November 1st, when he became District Secretary of the Society. Rev. John W. Crooks was unanimously elected to this position. Through the generosity of the Society in making an additional appropriation and gift of \$500 for District Missionary work, Rev. F. L. Rozelle was appointed District Missionary November 1st and immediately began his work. Upon his removal to Denver, however, the fact developed that his

family could not live in that high altitude, and he has been obliged to resign after doing most excellent work for something over four months.

Brother Crooks has already shown admirable adaptation to the General Missionary work of the State. Almost every church he has visited has shown largely increased contributions. Any one becoming familiar with the State is impressed with the marvelous possibilities of the near future. Great development has been made in agriculture, stock-raising, fruit-raising and mining. Colorado is sure to become one of the richest States in the Union. We ought to largely increase our efforts to plant the Gospel in every one of the growing centers which are now springing up. The present appropriation for missions from the Society is \$4500. To adequately meet the present development of the State we ought to have at least ten to twelve thousand dollars per year for the next five years. Between six and seven thousand dollars have been appropriated by the Society to Church Edifice work in the past year. Unfortunately, a number of the churches have been greatly burdened with debt, which has hindered their own development and also prevented them from doing a large share in the support of the mission work of the State. These debts are being gradually reduced, however, and it is confidently believed that the denomination is entering upon a period of large growth.

OKLAHOMA.

Rev. L. J. Dyke has continued his work as General Missionary throughout the year and his work has been very efficient. The appropriation for the present year has been \$9000 for mission work. This is one of the fields where we have measurably met our responsibility as a denomination, and the result has been that our Baptist churches are more numerous and more efficient than those of any other denomination. The Territory is being rapidly developed. When we consider that the people but a few years ago, came here with little or no resources, it is marvelous to see what has already been accomplished, but results have not been realized without great sacrifice on the part of the people. Many have given liberally toward building a house for the Lord, while they, themselves, lived in dug-outs or mere shanties.

Rev. L. H. Holt, District Missionary, is doing much toward unifying and organizing the negro Baptists, of whom there are already a large number.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

At the beginning of the year, it was thought best to appoint two District Missionaries and in the interests of economy to get along during the year without a General Missionary. Dr. J. S. Murrow, whose praise is in all the churches, was appointed District Missionary for the southern half of the Territory and Rev. Dr. Daniel Rogers for the northern. These

brethren have done excellent work during the year and real progress has been made in most of the fields. An effort has been made to bring about coöperation in some form between the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Society, in both Indian Territory and Oklahoma, but this, so far, has failed.

It is earnestly hoped that some plan may be devised by which unity and harmony may be brought about. Should it be impossible to bring about coöperation the Society will probably consent to enter into organic coöperation with the local Territorial Convention, which has sought such coöperation for several years past.

NEW MEXICO.

Work in New Mexico has been prosecuted in connection with Colorado and under the same General Missionary. We have one mission among the Mexicans, that at Velarde, conducted by Rev. W. H. Rishel and wife, who are conducting a school and doing mission work as the opportunity offers. The Lord has given them the confidence of Mexicans for miles around, and it is confidently believed that, ere long, the superstition which has so firmly held these people will give away. Many of these Mexicans are deeply interested and send their children to the school and attend religious services themselves, in spite of the protests and threats of excommunication hurled at them by the priests.

I believe the time is ripe for an aggressive movement in New Mexico. If possible, we ought to have a trained and experienced Mexican Missionary to work among the Mexicans, while important centers throughout the territory ought to be taken and held. The development of the State has been and will be slower than States surrounding, largely on account of the conservative character of the population. However, new railroads are being built and many others projected, and we ought to anticipate the coming centers of population and plant the truth in every one of them. It is very important that a District Missionary should be appointed to this field very soon.

WYOMING.

This State, being so largely mountainous and so inadequately supplied with railroads, has comparatively few centers of population. The interior of the State is largely given up to stock-raising. However, the coal interests, both in the northwest and in the south, are being rapidly developed. The Big Horn Basin will, undoubtedly, be a rich, agricultural country when properly irrigated. We already have three small churches in this valley. Other churches in important centers being Sheridan, Cheyenne, Laramie and Evanston. There are at least six other points where churches ought to be established in the near future, some of them

with a population of several thousand, and without any evangelical churches or services of any kind.

UTAH.

Rev. L. G. Clark, formerly General Missionary for Southern Idaho and Montana, has had his field extended to include also Wyoming and Utah. Already his able and wise leadership is being felt among the churches in these two latter States.

Utah has about 250,000 population. Of these, about 100,000 are in Ogden, Salt Lake City, and Provo, where we have missions which are being vigorously prosecuted. The great obstacle in the way of evangelization is the power of the Mormon organization. Mormonism is practically what it has always been and polygamy is undoubtedly practised, though more secretly than heretofore. Since Statehood, it has put on a much bolder front. However, that the Gospel can reach the Mormons is shown by the fact that there have been seventy-five baptized into the First Church of Salt Lake, between thirty and forty into the Provo church, and some ten or twelve in the East Side Church, Salt Lake. These converts have been either themselves active Mormons or else come from Mormon families and Mormon surroundings. Here, as everywhere else, the pure Gospel is the one panacea for superstition and sin the one corrective for all false doctrine.

We ought to enlarge our work in Utah. We have a good house of worship in Mercur, furnished and ready for occupancy, but the funds of the Society have not warranted the appointment of a missionary for that important field. There are now 5000 people in and around Mercur, within a few miles, and no religious service of any kind, unless it is a small Mormon Sunday-school. Other places, from 1000 to 3000, were visited by myself, recently, which were wholly without religious privileges of any kind. The mining towns have few Mormon people in them. Wise, persistent, consecrated men of God are needed in every town and village of Utah.

THE INDIANS.

Our work among the Indians the past year has been very encouraging. There have been conversions and frequent baptisms among the Cheyennes, Kiowas, Wichitas, and Comanches, among the wild tribes.

A new mission has been opened among the Arapahoes. Too much cannot be said of the faithful work being done by our missionaries among all these tribes, but their numbers ought to be increased. Other tribes are calling for the Gospel.

PERSONAL SERVICES.

The first two months of the year were spent in the East with a party of Indians from our Missions. On this trip we visited 61 churches; in all, I have visited 175 churches; attended 22 Associations; dedication of 6 meeting-houses; preached 153 sermons; delivered 103 addresses; attended 128 prayer-meetings; made 513 religious visits; traveled 42,718 miles; traveling expenses, \$372.72; paid for postage, expressage, telegrams, etc., \$209.10; paid for stationery, \$62.60; for stenographer and office help, \$219.85; for office rent, \$65.

Total expense, \$1018.27. Of this, \$108.07 were paid for traveling, postage, and other expenses of special representatives in the different Associations, leaving my personal expenses \$910.10. It will be understood that this included all expenses of both the District Secretary work and the Superintendence of Missions, to October 31st. Rev. D. D. Proper, who took charge of the District Secretary work, November 1st, will report the entire collections of the year. His report will show a very satisfactory increase in the contributions from this field.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT: WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, AND SOUTH DAKOTA.

O. A. WILLIAMS, D.D., MINNEAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The geographical area of the district is the same as it was one year ago. It is only, however, as one becomes acquainted with it that its vastness can be realized and its exhaustless resources can be even imperfectly known. What its future will be may be in some measure predicted by its marvelous development in the past. The Home Mission Society began its operations in the older portions of this district about the same time as on the Pacific Coast, where its sixty-seventh anniversary will be held. It is, therefore, fitting that the Baptists of the extreme North of our vast domain should send their greetings to their brethren of the extreme West.

Work had been carried on in Wisconsin but seven years when, in 1844, the pioneer missionaries of the Society made their long and weary journey to Oregon. Five years later, in 1849, work was begun in the Territory of Minnesota, which at the time had a population of 6000. The vast region which to-day constitutes the fast growing States of North and South Dakota had then scarcely a white settler within its borders. To-day the estimated population of the district is 4,500,000, and in certain portions, especially in Northern Minnesota and Northern North Dakota, it is rapidly increasing. Last season it was estimated that one thousand families, mostly Dunkards, settled in the neighborhood of Devil's Lake, N. D. The indications are that the influx this year will be even larger than last. One day in the last week in March, 1899, a company of Dunk-

ards passed through St. Paul on their way to the same country, requiring 45 passenger cars and 184 freight cars. These are veritable home-seekers, and the best material possible for the building up of a new country. Something may be judged of the rapid development of this district from the fact that previous to 1860 no wheat had been shipped from the Northwest; but three years ago, according to the statement of its president, the Great Northern alone carried 65,000,000 bushels. The elevator capacity of only three cities in this district, Minneapolis, Duluth, and West Superior, is 55,000,000 bushels. South Dakota ranks third among the States of the Union in its production of gold, while the iron ores of Northern Minnesota are the richest in the country and are worked on a large scale.

RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS.

The predominance of Roman Catholic and Lutheran influence in this district makes the work of the missionary a hard one. The immigrant in his new home clings with much tenacity to the forms, customs, and doctrines of the State Church in the fatherland. The influence of Mormonism even in this section of the Northwest is being felt. Missionaries of the Mormon Church are zealously disseminating its doctrines. Recently meetings were held in Minneapolis, at which there was present sixteen elders and one apostle. The real purpose of their mission was skilfully concealed. In their addresses they made positive declarations of their loyalty to the Government of the United States. They practically endeavored to convince their hearers that Roberts was elected to Congress by Gentile votes. It behooves our churches to be thoroughly aroused to the strength of this foe that threatens the purity of the home and therefore the safety of the Government.

The unsettled condition of the population often causes disappointment in our work. Because of this it is a difficult matter to decide what field will prove permanently fruitful. Churches are organized and houses of worship are in some instances built in towns which at first give promise of growth and stability; but, owing to conditions which no one at the time could foresee, many churches in each of these States have become extinct—churches which in some instances were for a time vigorous and active. At the present time in these four States the ratio of Baptists to the population is about one in ninety.

In no section of this country is the population so largely composed of Scandinavians as in Minnesota and North Dakota. One-third of the Baptists of Minnesota are in the Scandinavian churches. While Lutheranism still retains its hold on this part of our population, the success already attained gives cause for encouragement and hope. In reaching these people, we are organizing and building what will prove in the future strong English-speaking churches. Some of the preaching in the Sabbath

services and nearly all the teaching in many of the Sunday-schools is in English. The policy of the Society in seeking the immediate evangelization of our foreign-born citizens is eminently wise. It is a work that will tell on the future growth and prosperity of the denomination. In one of the cities of Minnesota there was organized eleven years ago a Swedish Baptist Church with fifty-five members. It was originally composed chiefly of young married people. At the time of its organization there were five children in the Sunday-school. To-day there are 204 members in this church, with 263 children in the homes of these members, 20 of whom have been received into the fellowship of the church, and 135 of whom are in its Sunday-school. While the membership of the church has increased four fold, that of the Sunday-school has increased twenty-six fold.

COÖPERATION.

There has been the most perfect harmony between the representative of the Home Mission Society and the representatives of the Conventions in this district. There has been the freest consultation on all questions involving coöperation, and on all questions pertaining to the development of the work and the growth of the churches. We cannot speak too highly of Revs. D. W. Hurlburt, E. R. Pope, and T. M. Shanafelt, D.D., who direct the work in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota, respectively. North Dakota has had no General Missionary the past year. The churches have hardly realized how much is depending upon the labors of our general missionaries, or how much the harmony, peace and prosperity of our churches is due to their activity, devotion and sound judgment. The work which they do is attended with much exposure and hardship, and the problems which they have to solve are often difficult and perplexing, requiring tact, patience and wisdom. For fuller details of the work done in each of these States, I refer to the reports furnished by the general missionaries.

As we have had no general missionary in North Dakota, this State requires particular attention. The Superintendent of Missions has given to this part of his district especial oversight. He made several trips to that State, visiting old fields where work had been suspended, and new fields where work ought to be undertaken, making personal calls on all the Baptists that he could find in these communities. While we cannot report large accessions to our members, taking the entire State into account, there has been encouraging progress in certain fields where faithful work has been blessed in the strengthening of the churches and in the conversion of souls. Mention should be made in this connection of the noble liberality of Mr. R. B. Griffith of Grand Forks, one of the leading business men of the State, who, at his own expense, has kept an evangelist in the field to assist pastors in their work; an example worthy to be followed in

every State. There have been fewer pastorless churches than formerly, and fewer changes among the pastors than in some years, though we heartily wish there might be greater improvement in this direction here, and elsewhere.

There are some promising indications in the work that has been done among the Scandinavians. New fields have been opened and steps have been taken toward building houses of worship at some of these points. The great influx of population into the State calls for enlargement in our work.

SUMMARY.

	Churches.	Membership.
Wisconsin	209	18,913
Minnesota	245	19,158
South Dakota	103	6,330
North Dakota	60	2,400
	<hr/> 617	<hr/> 46,801

PERSONAL LABORS.

I have been permitted in the Providence of God to devote the entire twelve months without interruption to the work of the Home Mission Society in this district. I was present at the annual meetings of the State Convention in each State. Attended also the General Swedish Conference held in Nebraska. Was present at all the quarterly Board meetings in the district, and at all the Associations that I could possibly reach. Where it was impossible on account of conflict of dates for me to be present, the work and claims of the Home Mission Society were presented either in a paper prepared by myself or by some one appointed for that occasion.

Miles traveled during the year.....	19,540
Sermons preached.....	63
Addresses delivered.....	58
Prayer-meetings attended.....	42
Pages of tracts distributed.....	96,550
Letters and postal-cards written.....	1,778

EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses.....	\$310 10
Stationery, office rent and incidentals.....	68 89
Postage	40 43
Stenographer	100 00
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WISCONSIN.

REV. D. W. HULBURT, WAUWATOSA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Wisconsin is vigorously hopeful. We are repeatedly solving difficult problems. We have long felt the need of a district missionary system. At our annual meeting last October, we appointed six district missionaries who are capable of going into a place and doing anything which needs to be done if they cannot get any one else to do it. Rev. N. F. Clark, Rev. G. W. Lincoln, Rev. M. A. Packer, are our English-speaking district missionaries. Rev. C. P. Olson labors among the Danes and Norwegians, and Rev. F. O. Carlson and Rev. O. Ellison are laboring among the Swedes, the latter as general superintendent of that department of our work. Excellent results of this work are already manifest. Differences between church members are being removed. Church debts are being raised. Pastorless churches are being revived and led to call a pastor. Closed church doors are being opened. New churches are being organized.

Our churches almost universally had fallen into a habit of postponing the collections for State missions until the close of the fiscal year. This habit had many disadvantages. Last October the Convention adopted a State plan for Christian beneficence known as the "Wheel Plan" and recommended it to the churches. At the end of six months sixty-eight churches have adopted the plan. Not only have they adopted the plan, but they are working it.

We are consolidating our work. Wisconsin used to have churches with two mission circles, one Home and one Foreign, rivals of each other, but that was in the long ago. Later we had union mission circles combining Home and Foreign in one society, the membership of which consisted of a few choice sisters in middle life and older who held their meetings week-day afternoons when men were busy on their farms or in their stores or shops and the young people were in schools as teachers or pupils. But that plan is antiquated. We are having church mission circles meeting monthly in the evening, and every member of the church, man, woman, and child, is on the program at least once a year.

Wisconsin used to ask for a contribution to the regular State work, another for Scandinavian work, another for student work, another for the chapel work, and then we used to chink in an extra collection every time we got a chance. A pastor of one of our leading churches refused to let this multiplicity of appeals come to his church, but when the time came to make the offering to the State work he presented the subject in its length and breadth and his church made an offering which left its apportionment far in the rear. We took the hint and are consolidating. We used to present a multiplicity of motives. For a certain sum we would make people annual members of the Convention. For a larger sum we would

make them life members of the Convention. Now we are presenting Jesus Christ and His gospel, the existing mortal millions unsaved as the motive.

At the beginning of our last Conventional year we had a debt of \$2,162.67. During the year we reduced the debt to \$863.20. We had to retrench \$2,000.00 in order to do this, but we are thankful that the results of retrenchments were no more serious than they were.

We are thankful to have with us in all our Board meetings and to assist us in the general oversight of the work the Rev. O. A. Williams, D.D., General Superintendent of the Upper Mississippi District. His extended experience and wise counsel are helpful at many points.

Our Board employed 42 missionaries last year. Of these 26 were English-speaking, 12 Swede, and 4 Dano-Norwegian. We aided 38 churches which worked 51 local missions and our missionaries preached to an average congregation every Sunday of over 5,000 people. The net gain in our mission church membership was 175. The net gain in our entire State was 493, and our total membership 18,913.

MINNESOTA.

REV. E. R. POPE, MINNEAPOLIS. GENERAL MISSIONARY.

THE PAST.

Some people will read this report in San Francisco, where the jubilee of Baptist mission work in California is celebrated. This year is for Minnesota Baptists also the jubilee. In May, 1849, Rev. J. P. Parsons reached the village of St. Paul, and, as the year was closing on December 31st he organized the First Baptist Church of that city, with 12 constituent members. In the Territory of Minnesota, at that time including North Dakota, there were only 6000 people—not as many as the Scandinavian Baptists of Minnesota to-day. It was indeed a new country, much farther from headquarters in New York than San Francisco, or even Hawaii is to-day. To write from St. Paul and obtain a reply took about six months; to-day it can be done in less than that many days.

During these fifty years the Home Missionary Society has aided in the mission work in Minnesota with vigor, wisdom and power. It has entered from time to time the newly opened sections of the State; it has nourished and sustained more than 80 per cent. of all the churches organized; it has assisted in most substantial fashion in the erection of meeting-houses; and has wisely guided denominational interests. Through the system of coöperation with the State Convention, which originated in Minnesota and has been used nearly twenty-five years, the Society has proven itself a wise and firm friend, on whom Minnesota Baptists have come to rely at all times.

On this sixty-seventh anniversary of the Society and the fiftieth of its work in Minnesota, the nearly 20,000 Baptists of the State return heartiest thanks to the Home Mission Society and pray for Heaven's richest blessings upon all its laborers and labors. Minnesota reaches out from the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast, and joins in warmest congratulations to the Baptists of California, entreating for them the largest measure of Divine favor and the truest spiritual prosperity. A personal word may not be out of place as a link connecting Minnesota and California. The writer was converted and baptized in the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, and now serves the Society in Minnesota.

THE PRESENT.

Minnesota's 6000 have multiplied 300 times. The dozen Baptists of 1849 have increased 1500 fold. The year just closed has seen some advance. Four churches have been organized; three buildings dedicated; plans laid for the erection of twice as many more; a larger number of district missionaries have been employed than ever before; entirely new work has been begun among the 8000 Finns of the State; several mission churches have either entirely paid or made large reduction in long-standing debts; the State Convention debt to the Society has been reduced to \$500, and the State's proportion of mission money for the year has been promptly met. The expenditures for missionary purposes, exclusive of the Convention's expenses, amount to \$11,304.65. While not the most fruitful year, yet 196 souls have been baptized by our 37 missionary pastors and 12 district missionaries. Forty-one churches and 35 outstations have been served by the missionaries, and these churches have paid for salaries, Sunday-school expenses, improvements, debts, etc., \$31,996.81, while they have given away for denominational beneficence, \$2317.60. Several of these workers have been employed only part of the year; so, if we reduce the figures, we may say that the labor of the year is equivalent to that of one man working $34\frac{1}{2}$ years, preaching 5899 sermons to an average congregation of 2045, having a membership of 2636. During the year 18 Sunday-schools have been organized, and the 56 Sunday-schools enroll 3628 members, with an average attendance of 2178. Most of these figures mark an advance over the previous year.

The latest enumeration of Baptists in Minnesota (May, 1898) gives 245 churches with 19,158 members, of which 84 churches are Swedish, with 5399 members; 20 are Dano-Norwegian, with 1401 members; 10 are German, with 703 members; and 131 are American, with 11,651 members.

At this time the religious situation in Minnesota is somewhat as follows: The Southern third of the State is the old and fairly well settled portion. In the larger towns of this section church life denominationally is fairly well determined, though often it seems as if the church members

were ever on the wing. Nevertheless, in this territory many country districts are neglected and need much cultivation. Figures gathered by the State Sunday-school officers show at least one-fourth of the townships without Protestant religious privileges. In the Western portion our churches are quite far apart. In Northern Minnesota the religious destitution is appalling. The needs are tremendous, our churches being often scores of miles apart. In the Twin Cities since 1890 but one American Baptist church has been formed, while one has been disbanded, and two Scandinavian churches have been organized. But the cities have grown from 297,000 to 370,000, and ought to be more vigorously evangelized. In St. Paul especially there is immediate need for a City Missionary.

Romanism is very strong and aggressive; its hand reaches out in every direction, seriously affecting social, political, and religious life. Lutheranism is formal, defensive, yet energetic; some disintegrating movements are seen, too often tending to infidelity. Baptists relatively, though third in membership of all evangelical bodies, are weak. Progress has been made, and our forces are in good position for real advance, if only proper resources can be made available. Comparing Minnesota Baptists with those in other States, their financial record is most excellent. But very few have much of this world's goods; and, if our cause is to go onward, substantial help must still come from without our borders.

THE PROMISE.

In a material direction Minnesota seems to be entering on a period of prosperity and development. Last year (1898) more miles of railroad were built within our borders than in any other State of the Union, and the mileage to be constructed this year is even greater. Each new line means new towns that ought to be taken for Christ. The mining region will turn out more iron ore this year than ever before. Sales of agricultural land are larger and at higher prices. Manufacturing interests appear to be reviving in many localities. The northern quarter of Minnesota is virgin ground. It is the veritable frontier. Life there is of the old pioneer sort, with the single advantage in relative nearness of railroads. Into this new North settlers are pouring. They are poor and as yet can do little to support the Gospel; hence, they call the more loudly for attention and workers. Other Christian bodies are expending more money and putting two laborers to our one in the field. The call to us is most imperative; the importunity is great; the opportunity even greater. The Census of 1900 will show nearly two million people in the State.

All this and much more that might be mentioned means there must be vigorous prosecution of mission work in Minnesota, if Baptists shall bear their part and hold their position among the religious forces of the State.

IOWA.

REV. E. P. BARTLETT, DES MOINES, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

THE FIELD.

Everything considered, Iowa—"This is the Land"—is hardly surpassed as a mission field. It embraces 55,044 square miles, or 35,220,200 acres. Its area is larger than Scotland, nearly as large as England, four times the size of Denmark, and five times as large as the kingdom of Greece or of the land of Judea. Its central location, soil, climate, and topographical features, as well as the character of its population, give it incalculable advantages. Iowa is young. Compared with European States, she is in her early babyhood. It is destined to be the home of a vast population. The regard which most of Iowa's citizens have for it is well expressed in the song:

"You ask what land I love the best,
Iowa, O! Iowa,
The fairest State of all the West,
Iowa, O! Iowa."

With a population of 2,058,069, 330,548 are foreign born, representing 27 different nationalities. There are no less than 137,273 Scandinavians and 11,880 Africans in the State. There are also 188,831 Lutherans in Iowa, with 462 church organizations, and 191,975 Catholics, with 411 organizations. There are 342,738 members of evangelical churches, leaving 1,715,331, or five out of every six persons in this magnificent State outside of these organizations. Surely here is a field white for the harvest.

THE WORK.

Though quite a number of our churches are pastorless, by far the larger number are well supplied. As better times have come, we hope to see the weaker churches make an effort to secure regular preaching.

Dr. Andrews has lately said that "The great obstacle to human advancement is that masses of humanity have such a low ideal of human life, and no ambition to live better." One of the perplexing problems of our work is, how to arouse churches to higher and juster conceptions of their responsibility as regards the interests of Christ's kingdom which have been intrusted to them, but to which they often seem almost wholly indifferent. Revivals have not been numerous or as fruitful of results as has been the case in some years. Nearly 2000 baptisms are reported, bringing our total membership up to about 40,000. These figures include 32 churches, with a membership of 1923, among the Scandinavians, and 22 colored churches, with a membership of 985.

THE WORKERS.

Thirty-six missionaries, including the General Missionary, have been under appointment during the year. They have served 46 churches and outstations, rendered 1165 weeks of service, preached 3917 sermons, attended 1427 prayer-meetings, made 8458 religious visits, baptized 126, and received 99 by letter and experience. The total membership of these churches is 2128. Their total contributions are \$15,763.49, of which \$973.02 is for benevolent purposes. Four missionaries have labored among the Norwegians and Danes, one, Rev. L. J. Anderson, as District Missionary. His labors have been blest in strengthening the churches and in saving souls. Four missionaries, also, have labored among the Swedes, Rev. A. Olson taking the place of Rev. C. G. Almquist, whose health would not permit his continuing the work.

It was thought wise to reduce the number of English-speaking District Missionaries. Accordingly, the State was divided into East and West Districts, and assigned to two of them. This was not done because the work was not regarded as valuable, or efficient, but because it was deemed best to put a proportionately larger sum into the support of Missionary Pastors.

Tent meetings continue to be an important feature of our work. Several nearly extinct churches have been greatly strengthened and in some cases put upon their feet through this kind of effort. Three new fields have been entered and four churches organized during the year. The importance of rural evangelization has been emphasized, and many of our pastors are making special effort to reach out into rural neighborhoods. This work has received marked tokens of the divine favor. The number of our church edifices has been increased by eleven during the year. One of these was purchased, three were so far remodeled as to make them practically new, and the others were entirely new.

NEEDS.

There is great need of more clear and just conceptions of the place and importance of State missions. There is much land yet to be subdued in our beloved State. It is especially important now, as coöperation with the Home Mission Society in our mission work, is about to cease, that contributions should be so increased that this work may not only not suffer, but be pushed on with increasing zeal and vigor. We owe it to Him who has redeemed us, to ourselves, and the grand old Society which has stood by us and nurtured us from our infancy to young manhood. We should show ourselves the worthy children of so noble a parent. In this connection, we wish to pay tribute to the invaluable services of our beloved brother, N. B. Bairden, the Society's representative, whose long acquaint-

ance with Iowa's needs and conditions eminently fit him to be not only a wise counsellor, but also a friend and sympathizer with the personal perplexities and difficulties constantly arising in the work. There is need of more complete equipment in men and money for the evangelization of Iowa. Consecrated men are needed to take one or more of the weak and pastorless churches and, by the blessing of God, develop and build them up to the point of strength and efficiency. A larger force of missionaries should be sent among the various nationalities in Iowa. Our colored brethren are plaintively reaching out their hands for direction and aid. More money is needed for church building, and in enabling us to occupy strategic points already existing, as well as to enter at once the new towns that will doubtless spring up along the lines of the several new railroads projected or in process of construction in the State.

THE OUTLOOK.

The past year, from a financial point of view, has been one of the hardest and most difficult in our experience. The supreme effort of the previous year seemed to have paralyzed financial effect. However, the \$1800 deficit, with which the year closed, has been met in cash and pledges, and with the good times with which we are favored, the future looks auspicious. True, we begin to feel, and shall feel more keenly still, the loss of the aid received from the Home Mission Society; but if it results in larger efforts toward self help, as well as a grateful recognition of the words of our Lord, "Freely ye have received, freely give," the change may result in the greatest good. In dependence upon Him who never forsakes, we step out into the future.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

T. M. SHANAFELT, D.D., HURON, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The area of South Dakota is 76,620 square miles. The State is divided into seventy counties. Seventeen of these counties are as yet unorganized. They are all located west of the Missouri River, and most of them are included in the Sioux Indian reservations. The total population of these unorganized counties, not including Indians, is 3350. These are mainly ranchmen engaged in raising cattle and sheep. With the exception of the Black Hills, nearly all of the settled portion of the State is east of the Missouri River. This includes forty-five counties. There are Baptist churches in all of these counties except Buffalo, Hand, Hyde, Jerauld, Marshall, and Walworth. Churches formerly existed in Hand, Hyde, and Jerauld counties, but they became extinct.

The Black Hills, including their adjacent foot-hills, are within the limits

of Butte, Custer, Lawrence, Meade, Fall River, and Pennington counties, having a population of 32,130. The recent unusual development of mining claims is causing a rapid increase in the population. With one or two exceptions our churches, in that wonderfully interesting and increasingly important region, are in better condition and doing more aggressive work than ever before.

There are now 106 Baptist churches in South Dakota, with 5835 members. Of these churches 72 are American, 19 Scandinavian, and 15 German. They have 20 parsonages, and 77 houses of worship, with a seating capacity of 14,445. The total reported valuation of church property is \$206,230.00. According to the State census of 1895, the population of the State was then 330,975. The ratio of Baptists to the total population is one to fifty-six. The ratio of American Baptists to the native-born inhabitants is one to sixty-eight. The ratio of Scandinavian and German Baptists to the foreign-born population is one to thirty-eight. The ratio of Scandinavian and German Baptists to the inhabitants of foreign birth and foreign parentage is one to seventy-three. The relations between American Baptists and those of other nationalities are increasingly pleasant, and all are mutually interested in and laboring for each other's welfare.

Our churches during the year maintained their record of former years, in promptly meeting the payment of the amount apportioned to them for State mission work. It has not been easy to do this. On the contrary it has called for self-sacrifice, and required an effort to accomplish it; but the churches are stronger for the successful effort made. The system of coöperation has their hearty approval.

The improved financial condition of the whole country is beginning to be felt in this State. This fact and the growing increase in crop products, give promise of larger plans and better results in religious work in the coming years. The transition from several years of drouth, and crop failures, and hard times generally, to the better conditions now beginning, means much to those who have suffered and struggled long against adverse conditions, while waiting for the realization of their hopes. Long-deferred plans will be carried out, but not all of them immediately. Paying indebtedness on homes, and improving home conditions and surroundings, must receive attention, while planning and working for the establishment and maintenance of religious homes. The work to be done along both of these lines will tax the energy and resources of the people for a long time to come, but it is safe to predict that neither of them will be neglected.

During the year three churches have been organized, four houses of worship have been built, and half a dozen parsonages have been built or purchased. A good many churches have made extensive repairs and improvements in their church homes. A larger number than usual have voluntarily proposed a reduction in appropriations, and some are looking

forward to joining at as early a day as possible, the ranks of self-supporting churches. On the other hand, an increasing number of the small and weak churches that have long been pastorless, are seeking for pastors. The amount of assistance which they will need will more than offset the reductions in appropriations on older fields.

There have been employed during all or part of the year 47 missionaries, who have supplied 52 churches and 43 outstations.

NEBRASKA.

REV. F. M. WILLIAMS, LINCOLN, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The experiences and results of the past year have, in a measure, been a duplicate of former years. The plan of coöperation between the State Convention and the Home Mission Society has been continued. The Society appropriating \$2 for every \$1 raised for mission work in the State. We were able to close the convention year free from debt with a small balance in the treasury. We are glad to report greater progress, than for many years taken together, in the payment of church debts, and the repairing and renovating of church buildings. One new house of worship has been erected and several churches contemplate building in the near future. Two new churches have been organized and two, where work had been suspended, have reorganized. Thirty-seven missionaries have been under appointment for a part or all the time, including District Missionaries and a State Evangelist. Churches that could pay living salaries have not long been without pastors; many of the feebler churches have not been supplied with pastors from the fact that suitable men could not be secured for what these churches could pay.

PRESENT CONDITIONS.

In speaking of the present existing conditions; we shall follow the admonition of Dr. H. L. Morehouse, who said: "Give the people the exact facts about financial affairs and about the fields. It is wisdom to mention the shadows as well as the bright side. If progress is slow say so and why." We report 203 American churches; 14 of this number have not sustained services for years but have never been formally disbanded, leaving 189 churches where services, of some kind, have been maintained for a part or all time. We have 17 Swedish, 9 German, and 4 Danish churches; 35 of our American churches are self-supporting, and have all-time service. Of the 35 self-supporting churches, 9 pay a salary of \$1000 or more, 9 pay from \$700 to \$800 including parsonage; 11 pay from \$500 to \$600 including parsonage; 6 pay from \$300 to \$400; 12 American churches that receive aid from the Board, have full-time service. 58 American churches have half-time and 17 have have preaching about one-fourth time. Of the 189

American churches, 67 are pastorless. Of these 67 pastorless churches, 3 can pay from \$600 to \$800; 3 can pay \$500; 5 can pay \$300, and the remaining 56 can pay from \$50 to \$150 per year. We have 15 American associations; 6 entire associations are without a self-supporting church; 45 churches have no houses of worship.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

After a careful investigation we have been led to the conclusion that we, as a denomination, have not rightly considered the condition and fully comprehended the financial situation in this State. We look out upon Nebraska, with an area of 76,000 square miles, and a million and a quarter population, and naturally expect large financial resources, and consequently liberal contributions to the support of the Gospel. But have we not possibly overlooked the significant fact that fully one half of Nebraska is non-productive so far as money for mission work is concerned. Most all of the money in the western part of the State is controlled by stockmen who do but very little, if anything, for the cause of missions. We are, therefore, limited to the eastern half of the State for our contributions to missions both home and foreign. And it is not an exaggeration, but a mild statement of actual facts, to say that even in this half of the State, there are men, who a few years ago could have given their fifties and hundreds with less sacrifice than they can now give their fives and tens. When the drought and the financial depression came, banks failed, business-men were compelled to make assignments, crops were destroyed, farmers gave their stock away rather than see it perish in their presence, all public enterprises were suspended, property depreciated in value, and in the continued succession of these unprecedented occurrences many of our ablest and most liberal contributors were among the members who failed in business; and those who did not entirely fail lost so heavily that their means have been so limited, business so light, and margins so small, they have scarcely been able to meet the necessities of the home. And by reason of the suspension of business, thousands of the laboring classes have been thrown out of employment, and have a struggle to feed and clothe their families. These conditions very largely exist in Nebraska at the present time. Hence our financial resources have been and are still limited even in the eastern half of the State; and in view of these conditions the mission work in this State can only be sustained and enlarged by reaching the total membership of our churches and securing a small contribution from each member. A vigorous effort has been, and is being, put forth in this direction.

OUR NEEDS.

Any enumeration of our needs must include the financial question. There was a time in the history of this State when marked prosperity

attended almost every enterprise. In those days churches were organized and for a time these churches became radiating centers of influence, but adversities came and for want of financial support some of these churches have gone down, and others are destined to go unless they can receive financial aid.

Another pressing need is wise, competent leaders, men who can so shape and direct, mould, and control the forces on these fields as to utilize every element of power both spiritual and temporal. Men who can meditate and formulate, and who will educate and stimulate the people to undertake greater things for God. Such men cannot be secured without a reasonable compensation.

THE OUTLOOK.

As the business situation has changed for the better, so we believe the conditions respecting the Redeemer's Kingdom have improved, and that our work has taken a more hopeful turn since our last report. We are confident that the Lord never founded His church without making provision for its support. And notwithstanding the limited resources in this State we most confidently believe they are adequate to meet all present emergencies if our churches will only comply with divine requirements. And we are encouraged to believe that the membership of our churches are beginning to recognize, as never before, the Lord's claims upon their temporal means, and that substantial progress has been made the past year in regard to the Bible idea of giving. Many members have adopted the tithing system. In brief the future outlook is as bright as the promises of God.

KANSAS.

REV. E. B. MEREDITH, TOPEKA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

This State, comprising 81,700 square miles, or an area equal to all New England and nearly half of New York, is inhabited by 1,500,000 people, mostly American born, but coming from every part of this country. People from the North and South, the East and West meet here, perhaps, as in no other State of the Union and the process of amalgamation of these heterogeneous Americans is not an easy one. The entire State is open for occupation and is all inhabited, though some of the western parts are but sparsely settled. There is no large or wealthy commercial center within its borders. The population is scattered in small cities and villages, on farms, and in the mining districts of the southeast part. Of this population about 40,000 are Baptists, finding homes in 617 different churches. Many of these are small and weak and in the western part greatly isolated. As yet the State is one great mission field.

THE YEAR.

The past year has been one of fairly continued prosperity. The process of readjustment of business, paying of debts, and pressing hard to get out of the entanglements of the days of panic has been steadily going on. We realize now more than ever how great was the disaster through which our State has passed. Like processes are going on in our churches. Long-standing debts have been paid, property lost on mortgages has been repurchased, buildings have been repaired, houses badly located in the boom times have been moved to more central locations and put in order, and several new buildings have been erected. Still there is more of this work to be done before we shall feel fully restored. It is a period of rebuilding the walls of Zion with us. The strenuous effort along these lines in so many churches curtails the offerings to mission work. Nearly every church is doing its utmost to get its own work in order. Our pastorates are becoming more permanent and the salaries are being increased and more promptly met. Several mission churches have become self-supporting thus enabling us to take up other fields. While the year has been marked with no sweeping revivals there has been a spiritual growth and a steady ingathering in most of the churches.

MISSIONARY WORK.

During the year we have had under appointment for a part or all the time 60 different missionaries including the General and District Missionaries. In the latter capacity Rev. J. R. Rairden has served in the Northwest and Rev. Wm. Wilber in the Southwest Kansas. These brethren are becoming veterans in the work and have rendered excellent service in bringing up the weak and discouraged churches in their respective districts. Rev. J. H. Van Leu has done a good work among the colored churches. Rev. Aug. Johnson has again taken his old place as Swede missionary, a place he has now filled for nearly 20 years, but has rested for the last two years. He is greatly loved by his people. These four men have aided over 150 churches during the year. The missionary pastors have served over 70 churches and 40 outstations. Most of these places would have been destitute if it had not been for mission aid. The year's reports show 2243 baptisms, of which 422 were by our missionaries.

AMONG COLORED BAPTISTS.

The work among the colored brethren who comprise one-fourth of our Baptist constituency in this State is a very important one. The past year besides aiding in the support of their missionary we aided in the support of six missionary pastors and in securing five houses of worship. They have a separate Convention and we coöperate with them. They are rapidly

progressing in religious work and take a large interest in giving the Gospel to all their people. The higher order of men in their ministry is a strong commendation of the wisdom of the Home Mission Society in establishing the Freedmen's Schools of the South. The work among this people ought to be continued and enlarged.

THE NEEDS.

First, we need to put in another hard year continuing the clearing of church debts and improving and repairing the church buildings. There ought to be several new houses erected very soon, in order to maintain organizations already made, especially in the western part of the State. One association of twenty-three churches has only seven buildings and three of these have been secured in the last year. We could use double the money we will get to good advantage in this direction this year.

Second, we need at least twenty more consecrated, earnest, well-trained missionaries to take fields that are destitute, where the opportunities are large and the people anxious for the Gospel. We can get the men if we had the means to help support them.

Third, we need to enlarge our work among the colored churches and take up the "white man's burden" for this large and needy portion of our population.

Kansas Baptists are grateful for the liberal aid of the Home Mission Society in helping to plant and build up our mission fields. It would seem to be an impossible task without the large amount of financial help granted us from year to year. The helpful counsels and wise direction of Rev. N. B. Rairden, our Superintendent of Missions, have been a large factor in the advancement we have made the last three years. We hope for a continuance of the policy of cooperation till we are better able to care for ourselves.

OKLAHOMA.

REV. L. J. DYKE, OKLAHOMA CITY, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

In making my report for 1898 and 1899 I find it difficult to cover all the ground so as to give the constituency of the Society the facts of our work, and at the same time keep within the limits of time and space required. One year ago there was some changes made in my field that seemed imperative. For several years I had Oklahoma and Indian Territories under my supervision. This was too large a field for one man to manage and meet all the needs. This year my work has been confined to Oklahoma alone and I trust has been for its betterment. I believe there has been decided progress. At the beginning of the year some of our most important churches were without pastors. During the year we have brought

into the Territory a number of valuable men and have retained the most of those we had. Brother L. H. Holt who has done such excellent work in Guthrie during his pastorate of four years, resigned in November, and soon after was appointed by the Society as District Missionary for the colored people. This was a new departure in our colored work; it seems to be proving successful. The colored people themselves are very much pleased with Brother Holt's services. His institute work and his counsel are both needed and very much appreciated. Rev. A. J. Morris of Marengo, Ill., succeeded Brother Holt in the pastorate of the Guthrie church; he is an able man and will add strength to our Oklahoma ministry. During the year we have completed five good meeting-houses and two or three others are under way.

For nine years Oklahoma and Indian Territories have been united in one Convention. For some time it has been thought by some of our brethren that if we could be divided on Territorial lines we might do more efficient work. Accordingly a special meeting was called in January, when a dissolution was effected and committees appointed for each body to draft a constitution and arrange for meetings. The Oklahoma Convention will meet in June at Enid. It remains to be seen what the result will be. We hope it will be for the furtherance of Baptist interests.

The white Baptists are gathered into ten associations, the colored Baptists into four, and the Indians into one. The white churches number something over 180 with a membership of 5217 as reported by the minutes. Number of ministers reported, 86. As nearly as I can ascertain we have not far from 85 colored churches with a membership of 3600 with nearly 100 ministers. Many of these do not preach at all. Our Indian Association is composed of Indian mission churches, 6 in all; 2 Kiowa, 1 Comanche, 1 Wichita, and 2 Cheyenne. During the year a new missionary has been established among the Arapahoes, with Brother F. L. King, missionary. The membership of these churches is about 300.

Time and space will not permit me to speak of many individual cases that would doubtless add interest to this report. I will indulge in but two. Oklahoma City Church said to the Board last year; "We will try to go alone." This year has been one of marked prosperity with them. They have increased in membership, their congregations are large and their benevolence better than ever before. Recently they have put in their house of worship a pipe-organ the first and only one in either Oklahoma or Indian Territories. The second incident: A colored church in Kingfisher has worshiped for several years in a dugout; two years ago they put in a basement 30 x 40 feet and covered it with boards and have worshiped in that until four months ago since which time they have erected on their foundation or basement a beautiful church-house with spire on corner

and paid for it with the aid of the Society giving them \$100 and loaning them \$100. This house will easily seat 250 people.

I feel that if ever missionary money was spent for the glory of God it has been so spent in Oklahoma the past year.

There are new and important fields constantly opening and these by the grace of God we are entering as the opportunity offers and so pushing our work to the front. By the favor of God and the aid of the Home Mission Society we are able to say truthfully the Baptist is the leading denomination in Oklahoma. There are important places that ought to have been occupied before now, which we have been unable to reach for want of money and men; the men could be secured if we could offer sufficient salaries. As it is we must content to wait and pray and hope. Each year we see marked improvement and a decided advance.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

J. S. MURROW, D.D., ATOKA, DISTRICT MISSIONARY.

The results of the year's labors by the missionaries in this district have not been manifestly large. Except in Brother Wiley's field there have been no large ingatherings into the churches. I think it may be truthfully said, however, that there has been healthy growth. At all of the mission stations of the Society there has been good work done, and the churches are stronger spiritually and otherwise. Our missionaries have done honest and earnest work. You are aware that this district is the storm-center, in Indian Territory, of the opposition to the Society and all of its work: and workers, by the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory. Every one connected with the Society or the Convention or who expresses any fellowship or friendship for either is denounced as an unsound Baptist and unworthy of any fraternal recognition. Indeed their people are expressly and emphatically instructed not to invite us to their churches, not to visit our churches, not to recognize us in any way as Baptist, if, indeed, as Christians. Our people do not retaliate. We endure all these persecutions and abuses with Christian forbearance. When reviled we do not revile in return—when slandered we hold our peace. Such a condition of affairs is not conducive to prosperity and it is an evidence of divine approbation that our churches and mission stations have fairly healthy growth.

The work among the full-blood Indians in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations is not at all hopeful. There is a constant decrease in membership. This may be accounted for in various ways. The changes in their civil and political affairs, brought about by the Dawes Commission, have been very hurtful to religious work. The full-bloods

have always been taught to believe that treaties made with the United States Government were very sacred and binding. A few years ago Congress declared that these Indian treaties were of no binding force. This shocked the moral sentiment of the full-bloods and shook their faith in everything, even in the Christian religion, as taught them by white missionaries. Next, Congress abrogated their tribal government and subjected them to United States courts where white lawyers fleece them every chance they get. Now, their lands are to be divided and allotted and the white citizens and half-breeds are occupying all the best lands and the Indians are crowded into the hills and forests. No white preachers visit their churches or show them any active sympathy. No one advises or instructs them what and how to do in either civil or religious matters. This is no exaggeration. It is actual truth. The outlook for the full-bloods is very, *very* gloomy. They are rapidly dying out and can truly say, "no man cares for my soul or body either." They can say, very emphatically, "all white men care for my lands and invested funds with great and active interest."

DANIEL ROGERS, D.D., MUSKOGEE, DISTRICT MISSIONARY.

Nine months of the year for which I was appointed as district missionary for the northern portion of the Indian Territory have nearly passed. A summary of my work for nine months is as follows, *viz.*: Number of weeks of labor, 39; number of sermons, 117; number of prayer-meetings attended, 39; persons and families religiously visited, 142; assisted in the ordination of ministers, 2; number of letters written in the interest of the work, 355; number of miles traveled, 3919; paid for traveling expenses, \$107.30; paid for postage and stationery, \$10.15; collected of churches and individuals, \$87.33.

My work has been considerably interrupted on account of the protracted cold and stormy weather during the past winter. I have assisted several of the pastors on my field in protracted meetings which seemed to be productive of good results. There have been apparent indications of increasing interest in missions and Christian responsibility.

The condition of the country is abnormal. Politically it is still unsettled. Neither the Cherokee nor Creek treaty with the Dawes Commission have been ratified by Congress; the former has been rejected. Large numbers of whites are residing in this Territory who cannot feel that they are identified with the interests here. Many are coming and going and excuse themselves from responsibilities. This hinders church work. Large numbers who were members of churches in the States refuse to bring their letters and unite with the church where they are residing. In some of the towns there are almost as many of this class as there are members of the churches. Political agitations turn the attention of the people, both citizens and non-

citizens, from work that develops the religious resources of the country. This spirit which pervades the country greatly affects the churches. Yet this is a country which has great possibilities. A better state of affairs is expected to exist when the political condition is settled. Towns are rapidly springing up on the railroads, and those already established are increasing in population. Some of these will be important centers of influence. They are strategic points which should be considered of great importance in determining the future religious history of this country. At these places there should be men, as pastors, who are competent to be leaders, men of ability as well as spiritually minded men, who may lay a good foundation for future building. They need to be all-round men who can adapt themselves to their surroundings. They need to be men of good financial ability who may educate the churches in methods conducive to self-support. The support of such men on the field will require an increased appropriation for the work here. Muskogee and Vinita now have good men. Another is greatly needed for Wagoner, a rapidly growing town of great importance. One, and perhaps two other important towns will need strong men. One of these is in need of such a man at once. There are country places needing good men, as well as railroad towns of less importance. At all these places consecrated men of ability are in great demand to rightly direct the life and energies of the mixed multitudes who come to this Territory. One dollar wisely expended in missionary work now may accomplish as much as five times that amount in five years hence.

What I have said has more special reference to the white and half-breed population in the Territory. The full-blood churches are slow to act but they are developing plans of church work which are hopeful of the future. All the pastors of these churches are good men, and, as a general thing, men of remarkable ability, considering the advantages which they have had. As pastors they can do more for those who speak the Indian language than white men. These churches need continued help and encouragement. They are becoming better organized. Work among them is hopeful. I have planned, after the weather becomes more settled, to visit these churches with special reference to helping them to become better organized and in doing more towards the support of their pastors.

In regard to work among the colored people of this Territory I am of the opinion that some system of coöperation with the Home Mission Society would be of great practical value. It would stimulate them to greater effort. Four district missionaries were appointed at their last Convention. The support which they give these is not enough to secure the services of such men as are needed. If the Society would add as much as they raise for their missionaries it would enable these men to give their entire time to the work to which they are appointed. The colored people have recently established a school for the education of their young people. It is located

at Muskogee. Its aim is an advanced course of study, though at present but little more than work in common schools is being done. They are planning to build a school-house in the near future. They have two teachers of very good ability connected with the school. Just now the impetus of coöperation with the Home Mission Society in their more aggressive efforts would greatly help them in enlarging their influence.

It is earnestly hoped that there may be an increase in the appropriation for work in the Territory for the coming year. In these transition times from the old order to the new enlarged Christian work here will mean much for the future. It is a work which the denomination cannot afford to neglect. The absorbing spirit of worldliness engages the attention of the people. Only the coming of Christ into the lives of the heterogeneous masses who throng here can give to this Territory a hopeful outlook.

MONTANA, SOUTH IDAHO, UTAH, AND WYOMING.

REV. L. G. CLARK, HELENA, MONT., GENERAL MISSIONARY.

In common with our brethren in other parts of the country, we mourn the loss of Dr. H. C. Woods, the late honored and beloved General Superintendent of Missions for the Rocky Mountain Division, and in a special sense his death has been a sore bereavement to us. His sagacity, sympathy, sincerity, and saintliness won all our hearts and enabled him to do for us a work, the need and the value of which can be fully appreciated only by those most familiar with the peculiar conditions which obtain on such fields as these. The influence of his counsel and his character is sure to be an abiding blessing in the unfolding life of our denomination, not only on the shores of the Western sea, but also through all these great and growing empires among the mountains.

MONTANA.

While there have been no very marked changes in the general condition of our work during the past year, there has been, on the whole, a steady, though quiet, onward movement. Nearly all our churches are stronger and more firmly established than they were a year ago. Our associational meeting, held in Butte City last fall, was thought to be in many respects the best and most encouraging in our history thus far. The twenty (20) churches represented at this Association reported a total membership of 1255. We have property valued at \$67,200.00, not including a fine parsonage recently built at Dillon. There are four (4) parsonages and sixteen (16) church-edifices, with a total seating capacity of 2900.

The benevolent contributions reported were as follows:

Home missions, \$305.35; foreign missions, \$308.23; publication society, \$74.32; ministerial education, \$40.50; Bible work, \$6.50.

The total contributions for the year were \$14,836.19.

We now have fourteen (14) pastors in the State, a General Missionary and two or three other brethren not in the active pastorate. Also a missionary colporteur of the Publication Society and a representative from each of the Women's Mission societies. One of these in charge of the Chinese Mission in Butte, and the other working with the Swedish church at Anaconda. A number of new pastors have come into the State during the year. Helena, Dillon, and three churches in the Bitter Root Valley are among these favored with the services of these brethren. They are all good men, and have greatly strengthened our working force.

The church at Livingston is now without a pastor, and in addition to a man for that field, we greatly need at least three more men for Montana. We ought to have another man for the Bitter Root Valley, also one to give his whole time to Billings and vicinity, where we have a young and growing church; and the Pageville Church ought to have a pastor to cultivate the important field in that locality.

Two or three of our churches have paid their indebtedness to the Home Mission Society during the year. At Belt, there has been built a house of worship. The Swedish church at Great Falls has secured a valuable lot, and contemplates building soon.

SOUTH IDAHO.

The work in South Idaho has been prosperous during the year, although we have not had as many additions to the churches as in some former years. The number of churches and missionary workers remains about the same as reported last year. 20 churches and 7 missionary pastors. In addition to these who are now being supported in part by the Home Mission Society, there are two or three brethren on the field who are working without aid from the Society. Brother L. W. Gowen is also doing an excellent work as missionary colporteur of the Publication Society. At Mountain Home, a church-edifice has been built, and one has also been dedicated at Middleton. If the money could be secured for their support, we could find fields for several good men in South Idaho. Lost River, Emmett, and other fields are pleading for more help. A number of new pastors have come into South Idaho during the past year. They are proving themselves effective men and are doing excellent work on their respective fields. Dr. J. B. Webber has recently accepted a pastorate in another State. This leaves our strongest and most important church (Boise City) without a pastor.

UTAH AND WYOMING.

These States were added to my field in October, so I can make but a brief report as to the work there. The Utah Association has seven (7) churches, including the Evanston and Ft. Bridger churches located in Wyoming. These churches report a total membership of 615, and church property valued at \$83,600.00. With the exception of the First Church in Salt Lake City all our Utah churches are aided by the Society in the support of their pastors. In addition to the pastor of the First Church, there are four missionary pastors, six missionaries of the Women's Societies, and one missionary colporteur of the Publication Society at work in the State. Including the two missions of the First Church and the house at Mercur we have seven good houses of worship in Utah. While the work yet to be done is very great, and while the needs and the difficulties of the field are almost overwhelming, still we have reason to be thankful that so much has already been accomplished and is now being done. Our work in Salt Lake City, Ogden, and Provo is being prosecuted with wisdom and zeal and from these important centers we are reaching a large per cent. of the total population in Utah. Still, our work should be greatly enlarged in the State. Since Utah and Wyoming have been added to his field, Rev. N. B. Rairden has shown great interest in the work, and has already become well acquainted with the field. His brethren in Utah are specially encouraged by his deep and energetic interest in them, and their work on that dark and difficult field.

In addition to those already mentioned, we have seven more churches in Wyoming; they are located as follows: three of them in Big Horn Basin (these are all weak, and need much wise help in order to live), one at Sheridan, one at Laramie, and two (one a colored church) at Cheyenne. We now have five (5) missionary pastors in Wyoming. Your general missionary has visited all these fields and feels confident that the brethren who are called to cultivate them, need the earnest prayers and sympathy of their fellow-workers in other parts of the country. Good work is being done in Wyoming, but there is need of enlargement there as elsewhere through all the vast and valuable portion of the New World.

COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO.

REV. JOHN W. CROOKS, DENVER, COL., GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The very hopeful condition of the work in Colorado at the present time is due in no small measure to the untiring zeal, persistent enthusiasm and exceptional executive ability of my predecessors, Revs. Geo. P. Wright, and D. D. Proper.

COLORADO.

A LOOK INTO THE PAST.

The Home Mission Society commenced operations here in 1863. For years the work was carried on under almost overwhelming difficulties. During this period almost every church in the State was assisted by the parent society, yet many of these are now the strong self-supporting churches of the West. A rapid growth, however, has resulted from the last ten years of work. In this time the churches have multiplied by two, and the membership by nearly three, so that Colorado has been a profitable field for missionary investment.

A LOOK AT THE PRESENT.

We are in the midst of one of the most successful years of our history as a Convention. At the present time some new church buildings are being erected, and we are entering fields that until now have remained untouched by the Baptists; fields which are "white unto the harvest." Notable among these are Mancos and Dolores. At the latter place the people did not seem to know much more of Jesus Christ than they did of Julius Cæsar, they had never had any regular religious service in the town; our District Missionary, Brother Rozelle, held a two-weeks' meeting which resulted in the conversion of a large number of people, several of whom were baptized and we now have a thriving church. It is the only church of any denomination for about 1 mile. A very striking case also is the Mancos church, here a band of about 50 people, all young converts, united themselves to study and follow the teachings of God's Word; as a result, they have made application to be received as a regular Baptist Church; this has been done, and our district missionary recently held a meeting for three weeks, resulting in some 20 additions to the church. It was at this place that a man went to the home where our missionary was staying, armed with a revolver, with the declared intention of killing him for his faithful and outspoken preaching against the public sins of the people. It is very difficult to explain the utter disregard for virtue and common morality that exists in some of these mining centers; consequently it is absolutely necessary that our missionaries declare in no uncertain sound "the whole counsel of God."

THE PRESENT MISSIONARY NEEDS OF COLORADO.

The immediate attention of at least 6 more missionary pastors to take up work in centers of population, commerce and mining activities. In towns, such as Telluride, a rapidly growing place of some 3000 people, when the general missionary visited them a few months ago, there was not a regular preaching service of any denomination in the city, but I under-

stood that over 20 saloons were running in full blast. The people in places like this, hardly know when Sunday comes round, and it seems to us out here, that, if only our more prosperous churches knew these things, that by their generous gifts we might carry the message of life to these thousands, who are so rapt in securing the treasures of earth that they hardly remember that they are losing, forever, the treasures of heaven.

OUR PRESENT STATISTICS.

There are 88 churches, 62 preachers. About 8000 members. Nearly one-third the churches are missionary churches.

NEW MEXICO.

The population is about 200,000 or 250,000, of these not more than 50,000 are Americans, the rest are Mexicans.

We are slowly gaining ground in this terribly neglected country. The missionary work among the white population is encouraging. We have at the present time 7 missionary pastors who are supplying 19 preaching stations; one is preaching at five different points, so that with this limited force we are holding, as best we can, the places occupied. We need a district missionary, so that we may move to plant the Baptist banner in the towns that are springing up along the new railways that are building in this Territory.

But in my judgment, foremost among the problems that confront our Society is the work which is waiting to be done among the Mexicans of this southwestern country. In New Mexico there are 150,000, Texas 200,000, Colorado and Arizona some 50,000, making about 400,000, and 11,000,000 to draw from over the line in old Mexico. In the Territory of New Mexico, they are the controlling power. The Governor, nearly all the Territorial officials, three-fourths of the members of the Legislature, together with the Delegate, are all Mexicans. Now the Christian churches seem to have ignored this vast body of people. The prevailing supposition always has been that they were wedded to the Catholic Church. This, however, is a grand mistake, as by the confessions of prominent members of this church in New Mexico to me, they do not touch more than 15 per cent. at the outside. The great mass of this neglected, superstitious, and degraded people are simply drifting into the next world without God and without hope. A large body of them belong to what is known as the Penitents. These people practise the most horrible and inhuman cruelties on themselves and on each other to atone for sin. They actually crucify one of their number during Lent each year, nailing him to a cross and thus with his poor, suffering body stretched he is carried in a procession. They do not intend to put him to death, but sometimes he dies from the suffering

and exhaustion. Brethren, the blood of these people is crying out to us. In the name of God, we must take up this work.

EASTERN WASHINGTON AND NORTHERN IDAHO.

REV. A. M. ALLYN, SPOKANE, WASH., GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The field of this Convention, embracing three-fifths of Washington and one-fourth of Idaho, has an area of 65,000 square miles. The population is nearly 250,000 and is increasing so rapidly that it is believed we shall have fully 300,000 before the close of the present year. The northern portion of the field, whose population has hitherto been quite small, is now being settled with wonderful rapidity. In this region where two years ago we had only three or four important towns, we now have a dozen such offering grand opportunities for Baptist work. The most promising of these is Republic, a rapidly growing mining town of about 2500 population, which at the present rate of increase will have 5000 or 6000 in six months. We expect to organize a church and settle a pastor at this place this spring.

We have had under appointment in this convention for all or part of the year 18 missionary pastors and one woman missionary for Chinese work. These 18 missionary pastors have supplied for some portion of the time 25 churches and 15 outstations. The average number of missionary pastors has been 14, and the average number of churches supplied by them 19. Four churches have supported their own pastors, and 5 churches have been regularly supplied by men engaged in secular pursuits. Thus, it will be seen that of our 60 churches, 28 have enjoyed regular preaching. Four new ones have been organized, and about 160 persons have been baptized. While the increase in membership in other ways has far exceeded the number of baptisms, yet owing to quite a general revision of church rolls, this increase has been largely overcome by the diminutions, leaving the total membership in the convention about 2800, and the resident membership about 2300.

Two new houses of worship have been completed, and one building used as such has been purchased, all at a total cost of about \$3550, toward which the Home Mission Society furnished \$375. Just one-half of our churches now have houses of worship. We raised during the past year for convention missions \$1154, an increase of \$269 over the previous year. This year we are endeavoring to raise \$1500, and the Society has increased our limit from its treasury to \$6000. This much-needed increase of funds enables us to aid some churches long neglected, and to take up four important new fields, Lewiston, Northport, Colville, and Republic, three of which are county seats. The unusually severe winter, attended with considerable illness, has been a great hindrance to revival work. However, the few special meetings held were quite successful.

OBSTACLES.

The obstacles in the way of raising funds are much the same as in former years.

1. While the hard times have gone by, their effects are still felt. Many of our farmers, and not a few of our business men, who lost their property during the financial distress, are still without adequate means of support, and are unable to contribute anything. And many others who held on to their property are still struggling under a great burden of debt, and feel that every dollar they are able to spare must go to creditors, and so contribute little or nothing to our work.

2. Our large number of pastorless, houseless churches, having no place nor encouragement to maintain regular services, have little opportunity or inclination to contribute.

3. Our churches are nearly all in the southeastern portion of the field, while the centers of wealth, in the mining regions of the north, are unoccupied by us; and hence our money must nearly all come from one portion of the field, and that in the agricultural region where the hard times were the most disastrous and the effects continue the longest. We are endeavoring to gain a foothold for our cause in the northern regions, but Baptists are few, property and living are expensive, and our funds are limited, so that we can make but slow progress in that direction. But, on the whole, the convention is making good progress. The work was never in better condition than now, and the workers are able, active, courageous, and hopeful, believing that the Master is leading us to victory.

SPECIAL NEEDS.

1. We need men and means to supply our 22 churches now practically without preaching. 2. We need a wide-awake, able, consecrated missionary evangelist, to assist pastors in special meetings, and to aid the general missionary in resuscitating defunct and discouraged churches, in opening new fields, and in preparing both to receive and support regular pastors.

We are grateful to the Home Mission Society for its timely and generous increase of funds to this Convention, and for its continued coöperation in our work.

WESTERN WASHINGTON.

REV. WM. E. RANDALL, TACOMA, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Probably no other locality in the United States equals Western Washington at the present time as an object of thoughtful attention. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company's land sales for the last fiscal year exceeded the aggregate sales of the six immediately preceding years. It is estimated that a daily average of one hundred families come to our State

to establish new homes. The sure prophecy of a continuation of immigration is found in our remarkable diversity of attractions—mild climate, magnificent forests, mineral wealth, fertile soil, and profitable horticulture. The tides that bring their treasures of fish are white with the sails of commerce. The Puget Sound country is a gateway to Alaska and the Orient. Western Washington possesses a half-dozen elements, either one of which has created commonwealths, built cities, contributed fortunes, attracted thousands. A conviction of the magnitude of our stewardship is coming to our most thoughtful people.

OUR PRESENT.

Less than 36,000 of the present population of 300,000 are identified with any one of the various religious denominations! Only eleven of each one hundred of school-population have been gathered into Sunday-schools—89 per cent. remain unreached! Our Baptist membership of 3506 (a slight increase, the first for several years) is divided into sixty-four churches. Sunday-school enrolment equals the church membership.

The generous coöperation of the Home Missionary Society made thirty-two missionary appointments possible during the year. Thirty-seven churches and twenty-five outstations have been cared for. Twenty-one missionaries and a general missionary are now under appointment. Many additional appeals for assistance in sustaining pastors and developing important fields are before our board.

Six church edifices were either completed or are now under construction, during the year. In every instance this work is so prosecuted that no debts are dedicated to the Lord. The present trend of church activity involves payment of debts—the inheritance of boom times, and the adoption of good business methods.

OUR PROBLEMS.

Supplementing the general difficulties involved in church activity, the prosecution of Western Washington work presents exceptional problems. With a constituency that includes but eight self-supporting churches, and conditions that make money-raising very difficult on all local fields, our financial problem is complicated. The contributing of more than thirty thousand dollars during the year has involved unusual sacrifice. The generosity of our people is revealed in the fact that the Missionary Union asks and receives from our people per-capita offerings almost exactly double the average offerings asked and received from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

Washington forests, minerals, and soil represent vast wealth, but the conversion of these into coin is slow and toilsome. Nowhere in my

experience have dollars that pass into the Master's treasury been so freighted with sacrifice and devotion.

Our problem of men is intricate. When the illusions are dissipated and the stern facts of toilsome service for very moderate support become known, capable Eastern brethren often lose enthusiasm over coming to the Coast. Our force of missionary pastors represents unsurpassed fidelity and devotion. Only men possessed of superlative moral fiber succeed here. We need additional men of this type.

Beyond the ordinary tasks incident to evangelization in a new country, Providence has brought to us an extensive Japanese and Chinese population. This work has fallen *almost exclusively to Baptists*. The Lord has greatly blessed the consecrated services of Seattle and Tacoma workers among these peoples. An additional appropriation of \$1000 per year, making the appointment of three missionaries possible, will give us a harvest never realized in foreign lands! The hundreds of Japanese now here will soon become thousands.

OUR PROSPECTS.

With growing harmony and unity, improved financial methods, the reduction of distressing burdens of church debts and enlarging opportunities for service, the outlook is bright. Of twelve churches that contributed an average of one dollar or more to Convention work, eleven were mission churches.

All that we possess of substantial foundations and vantage-ground is attributed to the patient, fostering care of the Home Mission Society. The appropriations of money have been generous. The help and courage realized from the counsels of District Secretary Wooddy and Superintendent Dr. H. C. Woods constitute large factors in our success. All hearts are saddened that we shall hear the voice of Dr. Woods in our conventions no more. Appreciation of the fidelity of the Home Mission Society's support is being manifested in the inauguration of the policy of making separate offerings for its treasury. Our churches comprise a constituency for all home and foreign missionary appeals. The existence of this constituency is a direct result of the work of the Home Mission Society. There is a growing conviction that it should no longer receive secondary consideration in benevolences. Our Swedish, Norwegian and Danish work prospers, grows in importance, and is full of promise. At no time in the history of our work has there been greater need of enlargement or greater promise of immediate and substantial return for the investment.

OREGON.

REV. GILMAN PARKER, PORTLAND, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The past year has been one of enlargement along every line of church work. The Society graciously increased the appropriation for the State, \$1000, granting us \$5000 instead of \$4000 as before. This, with the \$3000. that the State Convention is seeking to raise, gives us an increase of \$2000 and a total of \$8000 for our missions. This has been a source of great inspiration to the work.

Better financial conditions, and a splendid crop yield have caused an increase in offerings, a larger per cent. of the churches contributing than for many years; there has been corresponding increase in missionary operations, and an enlargement of our missionary force, consequently there has been larger success, and more satisfactory results. There is now a stronger feeling of confidence, and a healthy reassurance in business, and also in Christian work; there is a more perfect unity among our Baptist people than for years, together with a strong upward trend in spirituality in the churches—things that have been greatly needed in Oregon.

There have come enlarged blessings upon the labors of our missionaries and pastors, hence an increase of many desirable things. A number of most excellent pastors have come to the State, thereby encouraging our forces mightily. The stirring events of the year have served to deepen conviction, to awaken interest, widen our vision, and to enlarge our views concerning the great mission of Baptists in the world. The triumph of American principles in the war with Spain, possession of islands to the westward, the opening of the Pacific Ocean to larger traffic possibilities, the mighty movement of people towards the Alaskan gold fields, and the attention of the world drawn to where the far West touches the Orient, are awakening the people of this coast to a sense of greater responsibility.

THE CHINESE WORK.

Having secured the Rev. Fung Chak as missionary pastor in Portland, and more fully emphasizing the evangelistic feature of the work, the mission is in better condition than for many years. Considerable money might be well expended at Astoria, Albany, and other portions of the State, and would result in great benefit to this much abused and neglected people, that God has sent within our gates.

THE SWEDISH WORK.

There are about 40,000 Scandinavians in Oregon. This fact alone suggests an enlargement of missionary operations among this people.

The coming of Rev. Charles Asplund to the pastorate of the Swedish Baptist Church in Portland was a great event in their history; his coming gave at once a new impetus to the work; he has brought about the organization of the Swedish Baptist Conference, which has come into coöperation with our State Convention; the Rev. G. A. Osbrink has been secured as general missionary, and thus assuring a larger interest in the welfare of this most excellent class of foreigners.

THE GERMAN WORK.

In June, 1879, the first Baptist Church was organized in the State, with eighteen members. The work has been necessarily slow, but of excellent quality; there are now seven churches, with a membership of 460, and church property valued at \$15,000. There are six pastors and five houses of worship. The German Baptists of Oregon hold a high standard of piety, and fully exemplify it in both living and giving.

THE BAPTIST FORCES.

There are in coöperation with the Oregon Baptist State Convention 110 churches, with a membership of 7236; 74 of these churches have houses of worship, and hold property valued at \$296,606; all together there are about 8000 Baptists in the State, one to every fifty of population.

There are many unidentified Baptists in the State; the causes are various: some are isolated from churches, in many instances hundreds of miles; others have been expecting to move elsewhere, some of them for twenty years, and so have not presented their letters; others still have come West to make money, and have not cared to trammel conscience with any unnecessary restraints; others have wilfully and deliberately gone back on their religion, if they ever had any.

NEEDS OF OREGON.

The one great need is some way to reach the isolated and remote communities, those away from our cities and lines of railways; the towns and villages near the railways are fairly well supplied with the Gospel, but there are hundreds, if not thousands, of neighborhoods, where from five to twenty families reside, that never hear the word of God proclaimed. There are some small churches, also, far removed from lines of travel—these are too weak to support a pastor, and not enough people at hand to warrant a very great outlay of missionary funds, hence many small churches have died for want of food. This great problem confronts us in this State of magnificent distances, how shall we best reach these neglected and destitute places? The District Missionary can and does visit some of them, but how can such a one reach the whole of his district? We have one such missionary in east Oregon; he has as

large a territory as all New England; on his field there are 125,000 people, and, the population now increasing rapidly, the missionary can only touch the field in a few places. The cry comes up from these soul-starving people for the bread of life. Instead of two district missionaries in Oregon we need ten, and then a large number of Gospel-wagons besides; these to be followed up by faithful pastors, and then the process done over and over again.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

REV. ROBERT WHITAKER, OAKLAND, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

This field covers forty-eight of the fifty-seven counties of California. Their combined area is about one hundred thousand square miles, an average of a little more than two thousand square miles to the county. San Francisco County has the smallest area, forty-two miles, and the largest population, probably three hundred and thirty thousand by this time. The total population of this portion of the State is in round numbers now one million souls, of which it appears that San Francisco has about one-third. The largest county in this section of California is Inyo, with an area of over ten thousand square miles, and a population of less than five thousand all told. Inyo County is considerably larger than Massachusetts and Rhode Island together. It has in all its ten thousand square miles just one little Baptist church. Siskiyou County, on the extreme north of this Convention field, as Inyo County is on the extreme south, and the next in size to Inyo County has over six thousand square miles, with a population of from twelve to fifteen thousand. There is not to my knowledge a Baptist church in Siskiyou County. This is true of a good many other counties in northern and central California. In all the forty-eight counties there are not more than one hundred and thirty Baptist churches, and not to exceed ten thousand Baptist church-members. On the average, therefore, every Baptist has ten square miles to himself, and counts only one in one hundred. There are only about twelve or thirteen hundred Baptist church-members among the three hundred and thirty thousand of San Francisco County. Oakland, and adjacent towns, with less than one-third of the population of San Francisco, have a Baptist population of two or three hundred more. There are towns of three or four thousand people, with no Baptist organization, towns of ten thousand where the Baptists can be numbered with two figures.

Notwithstanding these facts, which speak for themselves as to the difficulties of the work, notwithstanding the poverty of our people, which is almost universal, the Baptist outlook is brighter than it has been for two or three years past. The drought is broken in this portion of the State, though relief came only two weeks ago. But already we are beginning to

feel the stronger pulse of industrial and commercial conditions. The year has been very trying to our missionary pastors, of whom we now have twenty-four, not including two or three who have served us part of this year, but are not now under appointment. These twenty-four missionaries, three of whom are in general work, the General Missionary, State Evangelist, and Superintendent of Gospel-Wagon Work, are caring for thirty-eight fields. The average support of the country pastors is not to exceed six hundred dollars. The largest salary any missionary pastor gets is twelve hundred dollars, in San Francisco. The largest appropriation made by the Board toward any missionary pastor is \$500, and the recipient covers three city fields, in different towns, and gets a total salary of about one thousand dollars above travelling expenses. It will be hard to find anywhere men who do more for less money than do the missionary pastors of California. Yet there are men not in the employ of the Board who also work large fields for a mere pittance in the way of support.

Last year was a dry year for California. This year, until two weeks ago, promised to be like it. Yet we have raised more money for State missions than in any year of which I have knowledge. We hope to discharge our debt to the Home Mission Society at the latest by the meeting of our Convention, August 1st. The prospect of the Anniversaries in San Francisco has been a great help in our work during this discouraging time. There are many signs that this is a fortunate time for a forward movement in our Baptist work. There are especial opportunities in city work. We look for large developments both at Palo Alto and Berkeley, the site of our two great universities, this year. Our Baptist cause was never more hopeful at these points. With all our hearts we welcome the Anniversaries. To all we say, Come and see.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA.

REV. C. T. DOUGLASS, PASADENA, CAL., GENERAL MISSIONARY.

It is not easy for our friends who live in the smaller States of the East to realize that the nine counties comprising what is commonly called Southern California are about equal in extent to the six New England States, and that, when Arizona is included, which is a part of this field, we have an area just about equal to the New England States and the four Middle States together.

For your General Missionary to go from one end of his field to the other requires a ride of nearly one thousand miles.

Much of this vast territory is rich in mineral and agricultural resources. And if there are large tracts of waste-land, that these may become fruitful at some future time is proven by the large sections where irrigation has been developed in the past, and thereby the desert has been made to "blossom as the rose."

Our mountains not only charm the eye with their magnificent scenery and give us our climate, hardly equaled in any other part of the world, but they are stored with mineral wealth with which the prospector and miner will be well rewarded for his labor for generations to come. But, better still, in these mountains are the sources of our water-supply, which, owing to the severe drought of the past year, have been so far developed as to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that there will be no lack of water with which to supply a population many times greater than the present.

In the Southern California Convention we have 66 churches, one of which has recently been organized. The membership now numbers a little over 6000. During the past year there were 950 additions, giving a net gain of about 400. Contributions for home work amounted to \$50,000, and \$11,000 for benevolence. The present value of church property is \$275,000. Seventeen missionaries have been employed for part or all of the time during the year, and good, faithful work has been done, the results of which cannot be fully estimated by figures.

For three or four years past the most discouraging feature of our work has been a steadily growing indebtedness, until at last it became such a burden as to render the successful prosecution of our work impossible. Your present General Missionary made the payment of this debt his first duty on entering upon his work, about a year ago. Most of the churches responded readily, and over \$7000 was raised, and the entire debt paid before the meeting of the Convention, in the fall, and that notwithstanding the severe drought, which made the times unusually hard financially. Of the above amount the Home Mission Society gave \$2230.92.

The year has been an unusually trying one, especially to those churches situated in sections of the country where the income of the people is derived chiefly from the raising of grain and other crops dependent upon the rain-fall; and some of those that ordinarily support themselves are in need of assistance just at the present time.

A church and Sunday-school have been organized at Whittier and a Sunday-school at San Pedro; both important points. Many other places should be occupied in the near future, and might have been before this except for lack of funds. Efforts are being made to organize work at various outstations, to be under the supervision of the nearest pastor, and in some cases to have one pastor care for two churches, but it does not seem practicable to do this in many cases on account of the distance between the churches. One District Missionary has been appointed for the hill section of San Diego County and others might very profitably be employed for other parts of the field.

One of the apparent needs in many of our churches is a more intense loyalty to our denominational interests and the adoption of some rule of

systematic beneficence instead of indiscriminate giving under the influence of mere sentiment.

ARIZONA.

In Arizona we have only seven churches, of which four are receiving aid from the Society. Most of these churches are doing well and have good, faithful men as pastors, who seem to be wisely leading the people in the pioneer work of this Territory. There are several towns along the two great railroad lines crossing the Territory where the Baptists should begin work at once and where to delay much longer will be to have the ground so fully occupied by others that we shall be at great disadvantage in organizing our work there. Your General Missionary intends to visit several of these points soon and see what can be done, but he is of the opinion that a District Missionary with special gifts for evangelistic work might be appointed for Arizona with great profit to our interests there.

Southern California and Arizona, in common with the entire Rocky Mountain Division, mourn the loss of Dr. H. C. Woods. It was my privilege to become quite intimately acquainted with him during the last year and a half of his life and thus to learn his worth as those who saw him only at intervals could not do. Truly, he was a man of God; always gentle and kind, but wise in counsel and firmly decided in what he was convinced was right, ever carrying the work on his heart and always planning for some advance. The loss, by his death, to this coast is indeed great. Long will he live in the memory of those who knew him as the faithful Christian minister and wise counsellor in all matters pertaining to the work of the Churches of his large field or the interests of Home Missions.

FRENCH MISSIONS IN NEW ENGLAND.

REV. J. N. WILLIAMS, PROVIDENCE, R. I., SUPERINTENDENT.

THE PROMINENT FEATURE OF LAST YEAR.

Each year of our French mission work, which it has so long been my privilege to represent, has seemed to be marked by some one prominent characteristic. One, we think of as a harvest year, with its couple of hundred baptisms. The feature of another seemed to be retrenchment. One year comes to mind as the year of expansion, when it was our privilege to speak of new fields and new laborers, to the number of eight, I believe. But no such tide as expansion, our nation's latest watchword, has, these twelve months past, borne onward our great and difficult work among French Romanists in New England. On the contrary, on the very threshold of the year, it met the policy: "That, in view of the many different interests appealing to the Home Mission Society for support, the

utmost limit in appropriations to French work had been reached, at least, pending larger contributions." This seemed not so bad as retrenchment. But one of the effects has been the dropping of the work of preparing French laborers at Newton Seminary. And it has seemed strange to us that, following right upon this declared anti-expansion policy of the Society, and as the Lord's reply to it, there has come to me, as your representative, the grandest opportunities, four in number, of securing for our great New England field some of the ablest, most experienced, and successful French laborers. Were I to give their names, no one would for a moment question the moderateness of the statement.

But this year also has had its striking feature. One word best expresses it:

WORK.

We doubt whether we could have recorded in any of the preceding twenty-five years anything in the line of effort to evangelize this people, which, either in amount or aggressiveness, comes up to the measure of this last year. No year has been less a dilly-dallying in the trenches, but rather of continuous maneuvering for advance and the carrying of the mighty enemy's works. Never before have so many copies of God's Word been placed in Roman-Catholic families, or so many tracts distributed, or visits made. As a sample, we give Brother G. Aubin's report: Families visited, above 7000; New Testaments distributed, 168; pages of religious literature, about 100,000. There are three avenues to reach French Roman Catholics with the truths of the Gospel, which a hostile priesthood has not, at least yet, found the means of closing: Outdoor proclamation of the Gospel, personal visitation, and the dissemination of Christian literature. During the Summer months, night after night and on Sundays, in twenty or more centers of French population, our missionaries have proclaimed the Gospel to crowds of listeners. It is not that opposition to such methods has been lacking on the part of the clergy. More than once a priest has appeared, and, by looks and words, has tried to hitch his influence on to the crowd, and, to use a lumber-shanty term, endeavored to "snake" out hearers from the circle of listeners. But this has never proved more than a momentary success, for, with the priest's disappearance, the terrorized have returned. Severer measures have been resorted to. Bro. J. C. Smith relates: "Miss O., sister of the sexton of the French church, one day, as we were holding outdoor services, took a seat on one of the chairs of the workers. Immediately it was reported to the priest that the sister of his own sexton had joined the Chiniquys. The priest hurried over to his sexton's to order him to turn his sister outdoors, as she was then boarding in his family, and he had to do it, or lose his place. But this sister has remained with us, firm in the faith of the Gospel." Another poor woman fared worse. He relates: "Standing among the

hearers, with a babe in her arms, and, being weary, she, too, sat down in one of the chairs brought for the convenience of the workers. Immediately the poor woman became the target for insults, and in her immediate neighborhood was attacked, pushed down, and repeatedly struck, notwithstanding her delicate condition of health." But we know of but one case where a priest's anathemas were entirely successful in keeping his people away. The Gospel wagon for this once, was shorn of its attractiveness, made a veritable scarecrow and was avoided as if loaded with dynamite. It looks as if he was rewarded for his denunciatory powers, for he has just been transferred, from an inconsiderable factory-village parish, to the rectorship of one of fashionable Newport's principal Roman Catholic churches.

One of our brethren, unable to secure a Gospel wagon, nothing daunted, went to work, framed a portable pulpit, a sort of altar, with two horns to suspend lanterns needed to read from the Word of God; tacked over this rough skeleton of a pulpit the stars and stripes as trimmings, and thus proclaimed, night after night, with his stentorian voice, to audiences amounting, at thirteen services, to 3150 hearers, drawn within the sound of the good tidings of salvation. The courage and effort demanded for such work can only be estimated by those familiar with large Roman Catholic audiences. The wife of our brother, a lady of refinement and culture, and of social prominence, when a Catholic, among her people, hardly felt that she could bear the opprobrium heaped at times upon the Protestant missionary in outdoor services, and let the husband start off alone with his improvised pulpit; but, hardly had the multitude gathered about him, when he saw his companion, who had gathered new courage by prayer, making her way through the rough crowd, to stand by his side and help him in the service of song, to dispose the rough audience to listen respectfully and attentively to the message from God's Word. Speaking of these experiences, our brother says: "I thank the Lord for His loving kindness in taking away from me the fear of man. I have been very persistent in asking God to grant me that blessing, which He did—glory to His Name." Our missionary in Fall River, Rev. G. Aubin, with the occasional assistance of a Brother Papineau, colporteur of the Publication Society at present, has worked with heroic diligence and bravery to see how far it is possible, at any sacrifice, to place Gospel truth in the homes of this people, so completely kept from all the influence of all our religious literature by the strict orders from Roman Catholic pulpits to read nothing whatever that does not come to them with the *imprimatur* or signature of a bishop. Tractlets, inexpensively prepared by the use of the mimeograph, containing a brief, strong, clear statement of some one important Gospel truth, in the form of a letter, and enclosed in a neat envelope, have been placed by the thousands in Canadian homes by thorough visitation from

door to door. Of such work, a new feature, which has found favor among the other missionaries, several of whom have followed his example, Brother Aubin writes:

"During the last week we have met 1600 families, to give them religious literature, and have conversed with hundreds of people. The whole city is on fire." "Yesterday afternoon we placed the Word of God in 10 new families, and distributed 74 letters." "We have had a good week. We placed 24 New Testaments in new Catholic families. Glorious time. We had some rather exciting experiences. I came pretty near being pitched down the stairs from the third story of a tenement house in Bowenville. But God protected me, and, before going out of the house, the man was persuaded to accept a copy of the Gospel." "I gave my lecture in English last Wednesday. There were some 50 Irish Romanists present." (An audience of 600 attended this lecture.) "I distributed at the meeting 450 of my books and 400 of my letters."

CONCENTRATION.

Since the year of our threatening debt, and the consequent retrenchment policy all our Home-Mission French work has been withdrawn from States outside of New England. It is not that no demand exists for such work throughout our land, with its French-Canadian population of 1,218,450, besides numerous France-French colonies, and especially in such States as New York, with 137,000. French-Canadians, Roman Catholics, and a Northern border almost wholly in their possession, farms, and towns; Michigan, with its 127,000; Illinois, with its 100,000; Minnesota, with its 70,800, and Wisconsin, with its 55,000. Nor is it because there are no Christian men and women in these other States who feel the need of evangelizing this vast host who have come to take part in shaping the destinies of our beloved land. From Oregon a Christian woman writes: "Will you kindly send me the address of the Baptist organ for the French Canadians of New England. I wish to send in four subscriptions to the paper." From St. Paul, Minn., a prominent pastor writes: "I have in my church a Brother M., who is working earnestly among the poorer classes of French-Canadians, mostly Roman Catholics. I am anxious to supplement his work wherever I can. Will you send me a copy of your booklet, price in quantities, etc.?" Thus, from pastors and others, have come to us quite a number of such-like proofs that this work is on the heart of God's people in Middle and Western States also. And we deeply regret the necessity which has limited French mission-work to a few Eastern States, and yet, in view of the immensity of this one field, we may not doubt the wisdom of such a policy of concentration.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Massachusetts, according to latest statistics, has a French-Canadian population of 272,525, with great centers of that people, 27,000 in Fall River, 22,000 in Lowell, 12,000 or more each in New Bedford, Holyoke, Worcester. Our French work in this State is carried on in coöperation with the Baptist State Convention, per agreement, in exactly equal proportions. Rarely, so far as our experience goes, have State Conventions continued work so essentially missionary and difficult as the evangelizing of Roman Catholics, and have usually dropped it, as in New York State, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Vermont, etc., to devote their funds to what is usually regarded as their more legitimate work—the propping up and strengthening of feeble churches. But the Massachusetts Convention, though entering late into coöperation in French mission work, is doing now even more than its full half. In this connection we may say that it is the good fortune of our French work that the Massachusetts Convention is one of the strongest, and that it has, as Secretary and among its Directors, influential brethren, who understand the import of New England's new conditions, and are deeply interested in the solving of the foreign problem of the State. Probably over two-thirds of our French work is within the boundaries of Massachusetts. Our friends may best judge of this work by the following:

BRIEF QUOTATIONS FROM MISSIONARIES' REPORTS.

REV. G. AUBIN, FALL RIVER.—“Yesterday P.M. I spoke outdoors on the Common to a crowd of from 600 to 800.” “Yesterday and day before we placed 18 New Testaments in Catholic families. A week of victories. We rejoiced to be able thus to distribute the Word of God.” “A young man, Roman Catholic, converted. Later I will give you the particulars.” “An American minister from West Rutland writes to me for letters. He is trying to reach the French-Canadian Catholics. Some attend his services and lately he has baptized two of them.”

REV. B. F. BENOIT, WEBSTER, and vicinity, comprising centers of French population, where, during the Summer months, he and Bro. Leger held Gospel-carriage services, attended by from 300 to 3000 hearers. He writes: “There are 40 French Protestant families in my field.” “There are 26 Roman Catholic families in addition, who are so far won over to the Gospel that I can freely visit them and read and pray in their homes, and even hold cottage meetings in their houses. I have had six baptisms. Four others I count as truly converted, though they have not yet united by baptism.”

REV. O. BROUILLETTE, MARLBORO, writes: “Thirty-four French-Canadians are members of the church. Our subscriptions to the church amount to \$127, a decrease from last year, on account of the hard times, resulting

from a general strike in the shoe-shops, now in its seventeenth week. It has affected us both morally and financially." "A new interest seems to manifest itself among Roman Catholics." "Of the two have been baptized in this field, one is that very interesting case that appeared in the *Home Mission Echoes* of January: 'Why She Renounced Romanism.'"

REV. C. L. CHARRON, ordained in June, and appointed to labor in Lawrence, writes: "I have a somewhat better report to give than I expected I would have on first coming to this field, not so much from the number of baptisms, but from the conversions, some seven in number, with which God has favored us, and especially for the friendly disposition of the French toward the Gospel. It seems to me that there is quite a movement among that people in the direction of an earnest desire to know the truth. On the 19th of this month some of our converts from Rome are to be baptized. I wish that you could be present to take part in that service." He also speaks of a meeting, where two Roman Catholics, husband and wife, who had been reading the Bible some six or eight months past, publicly declared that they were done with Rome. Seven baptisms are reported from this field.

REV. ISAAC LAFLEUR writes from his field in New Bedford, once our great emporium of the whale-oil industry, but now one of our greatest centers of cotton mills, which have attracted, among other foreigners, some 12,000 French Canadians: "I may say that the year ending March 1st has been well filled. It has been one of the most blessed in my missionary work. The light is breaking, prejudices are being removed from our people, and we have better access among them," etc. Of a Sunday in July he writes: "We had 51 persons at the preaching service and 53 at the Sabbath-school. In the evening seven of our converts were baptized in the Baptist Church. Our mission was represented on the occasion by some 45 of our members." Contributions in this mission have amounted to \$183.69.

Our very important mission in Lowell has had unusual trials this last year. But our brother, I. B. LECLAIRE, who has sent in his resignation, to take effect the 1st of April, reports six baptisms, collections \$110.22, and writes somewhat cheerily: "This is my seventh year of labor in Lowell, and I am happy to say that this last year has been one of success in efforts to reach Roman Catholics. There is a great change, not only among the young people but with the fathers and mothers of Roman Catholic families. The Baptist mission has now a beautiful house of worship in the center of the French-Canadian population, and there has been a large number of conversions. I have reason to believe that there is a bright future for this mission, and we pray that, as God has blessed the missionary these seven years past, that he will also in the coming years. Friends of all denominations have contributed of their means to this work

of the Lord and I owe a debt of gratitude to the Lowell Baptist Union Board for their generosity and their interest in the French work."

Our missionary in Gardner and vicinity, BRO. F. A. PERRON, reports from this comparatively new field four baptisms, heads of large families, and a very large distribution of copies of the New Testament among Roman Catholics.

REV. A. P. ROSSIER labored some seven months in Fitchburg, where the three or four thousand French-Canadians are under the spiritual direction of a Roman Catholic order of priests, known as Fathers of La Salette, who are very hostile to evangelical work, making this field a peculiarly difficult one. During that time our brother reports some 70 copies of the Word of God placed in Roman Catholic families, and says: "I had the Gospel wagon one week, and we preached to large crowds on the street corners." Of labors in the vicinity he says: "I visited Westminster, Lunenburg, Scrabble Hollow, Ashly, Shirley. In these towns I placed 16 Testaments, and was never better received in my life than by these country people." A good work might be done in these towns. In September our young brother's career as a missionary among the Roman Catholic French of New England was cut short by his acceptance of a call to a French and English self-supporting church in Stryker, Ohio.

A BRO. H. C. SENE, now in the employ of the Baptist Publication Society, as regular colporteur throughout Massachusetts towns, labored for a short time under the auspices of the Home Mission Society at Waltham, the great watch-manufacturing town of Massachusetts. Had we been able to take up that brother at the close of his studies at Newton, he would have done good work in Waltham. He had rallied around him a nucleus of 20 or more. Speaking of these and of two influential Catholic families who had become interested in the Gospel before he left, he says: "I have no doubt but that we would have made valuable acquisitions at Waltham had we continued our work there."

BRO. J. C. SMITH, writing from his field in Salem says: "We have some 12 Roman Catholic families that are interested in the Gospel. Nearly all of them are attendants, more or less, upon our regular services." "I should like to have you with us at one of our outdoor services. There is perfect quiet, and you can speak to them upon any topic you choose. I have been assisted several times by some one of the city pastors, and they have been surprised to see the large numbers which gather and the perfect order. The Lord is with us, and is blessing us in our meetings. We expect to have several go forward in baptism before long."

WORCESTER.—The REV. A. ST. JAMES, besides rendering great service to the work, in presenting the claims of the French missions in behalf of the Massachusetts State Convention, in many of the influential churches of the State of Massachusetts, has still charge of the important field of

Worcester. He reports 8 baptisms; a goodly French Protestant constituency, 77 families; 7 regular meetings per week, besides cottage meetings averaging $1\frac{1}{2}$ weekly. Speaking of an out-station where work was recently commenced, he says: "The work at North Brookfield is interesting. We had 125 at meetings, and already four families have declared themselves Protestants. These families made a visit to Worcester to attend our services. That is good evidence of their sincerity. Two young men from Switzerland have become identified with our work, and take active part in our meetings. One was baptized three months ago." He bears this testimony to the efficiency of our veteran missionary, Rev. E. Leger, who is now laboring as our Bro. St. James' assistant, and is expected to devote time during the Summer months to the Gospel-wagon work, in which, with his excellent musical gifts, he renders very effective service.

RHODE ISLAND

Stands next to Massachusetts in the amount devoted to the evangelization of the French Roman Catholics, sustaining one missionary wholly and co-operating with our Society in the support of another, the Rev. N. N. AUBIN, our missionary in Woonsocket. The diocese of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Rhode Island extends beyond the limits of the State somewhat, including the two large centers of French Roman Catholic population in Massachusetts, Fall River and New Bedford. The French of his diocese number 82,000, making the population of that nationality in the State some 45,000. This element is quite largely in a majority over all others in one of its principal cities, Woonsocket. Our missionary from this great center of that people writes: "We had two weeks of open-air meetings last Summer, with an average attendance of 500. I have gone into the homes of nearly 3000 families, and was well received, except in a few cases." He reports 30 French Protestant families and 45 Baptist members, and, as some encouraging features: "The people are reading the Bible, hundreds of them." "They are not satisfied with their religion."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Baptists have not overlooked the 57,500 Roman Catholic French-Canadians in their State. The State Convention has coöperated most cordially with our Society in sustaining the Rev. G. G. BRIEN in Nashua, and this year have added a small amount for the employment of a colporteur. Results have been conversions among that people in some few centers, such as Nashua, Great Falls, etc., and the erection of a good house of worship in Nashua. Our brother reports for the last year six baptisms and total attendance 2272. A foundation for important work has been wisely laid in the Granite State.

CONNECTICUT

Baptist State Convention has coöperated to the amount of \$300 in sustaining our BRO. T. TETREAULT in Eastern Connecticut. To this brother's heroic endeavors we have already referred in speaking of the improvised pulpit for his open-air meetings. Bro. T. reports three baptisms, much work, and 28 French Protestant families as the nucleus of his mission. In view of the amount devoted by that State to French evangelization, and thus devoted because one-half comes thereto designated from one of the good friends of that work in Putnam, we sometimes think that our brethren of the Convention cannot be aware that there is in their State a French-Canadian population of 45,000; that French mission work has given to one church in their midst from 60 to 75 members, gathered from the ranks of Romanism, in Putnam; a score or more to another Baptist church in Danielson and that over 25 families of converted French Romanists have gone forth from just one field, Putnam, to be useful among their countrymen elsewhere, wherever the nomadic life of our operatives has led them.

MAINE.

We have but one missionary in this great State, the REV. P. N. CAYER, stationed at Waterville. There have been this last year conversions from Romanism and three baptisms. This has long been one of our most flourishing missions. It has in its progress changed a whole French community; placed on the spot where once stood a vile dance hall and a viler saloon, a beautiful mission chapel; brought into the ranks of Protestantism, three or four hundred French Romanists; added over 100 members to a Baptist church—according to recent revised list, an actual French membership of 88. We think it strange that, notwithstanding God's favor thus resting upon French mission work in that State; notwithstanding the fact that its northern border is in full possession of that people; that some of its manufacturing towns are in majority French Romanists, and that 62,450 of its population are of that nationality, that our good Maine Baptist Convention should have been willing to settle down of late into a policy of complete neglect of that portion of the people, discontinuing its co-operation, and, so far as this French mission work is concerned, being well nigh as cold as the ice of their Kennebec.

VERMONT.

No French missionary work is done in this one of the Eastern States. Flourishing French missions have existed in the past, when many hundreds of that people have been brought to the knowledge of the truth. They are found, quite a number of them, in Vermont Baptist churches. I meet them here and there in Eastern States. That work has given to our

common Protestantism ministers, deacons, many godly men and women. But the weak condition of our denomination in that State is such that, in the view of its leaders, not a cent can be spared for the 42,600 French within its borders. Such work is not, however, without its friends in Vermont.

The Lady Principal of one of its chief institutions of learning, Vermont Academy, requested to prepare an article on the evangelization of the French Romanists, recently wrote to your General Missionary, acknowledging receipt of works on this subject, the following kind words, which doubtless voice the sentiment of some of the best men and women in that State, and which, like a ray of sunshine, came from the only New England State which has settled down to a record of zero in its French mission work:

"My own interest in work among the French Canadians was first aroused during a residence of a few years in Toronto. When asked to prepare a paper last Fall upon the New England Department of the work I was more than willing to undertake it. . . . How to Christianize these French Catholics of New England is clearly the present question for Christians of New England to solve, and it seems to me her future religious life is involved in the issue."

Such as it is, wishing that it might have been better and believing that in years to come it will be, we submit the record of another year to the kind and careful attention of our many friends. Let no one begrudge the expensiveness or the labor of evangelizing Roman Catholics in our country. When our God, in His overruling providence, is making this nation spend its hundreds of millions to free a few isles of the sea from the hoary ills of Spanish Romanism, why may not our great denomination spend a few thousand dollars a year to save our beloved New England from the imported ills of French-Canadian Romanism?

At the beginning of the year, worried by unusual perplexities of administration, apprehensive, perhaps, lest advancing years should have disqualified somewhat for the task, I placed in your hands, Bro. Secretary my resignation. At the close of the year, though it has not been our best by far, I feel most profoundly thankful for that consideration and kindness which brought to me the advice to withdraw that resignation, and have planned and worked and prayed with more courage and faith than ever before.

THE GERMAN WORK.

REV. G. A. SCHULTE, JERSEY CITY, N. J., SUPERINTENDENT.

It is with gratitude to God for the many tokens of His favor during the past year that I submit my annual report of the work among the Germans.

In reviewing the past I find it rather difficult to sum up the year's work in definite expressions in a brief report, and at the same time give a clear and comprehensive statement in regard to the work actually done in the extensive field, covering very nearly all the Northern States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The number of German churches on the whole field is, according to the last reports, 239, with a membership of 22,162, and 23,984 scholars and teachers in the Sunday-schools. The number of baptisms is 1079, while 1077 were received by letter and experience. The churches raised for current expenses \$129,870.16; for missionary and educational purposes \$81,058.47; the Sunday-schools raised and expended \$16,893.30; the women's missionary societies \$7,238.48, and the young people's societies \$4489.26. This makes a total of \$239,549.67, or about \$10.70 for each member.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED AND CHAPELS DEDICATED.

Eight new churches were organized during the year in the following States: two in South Dakota, one each in North Dakota, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon, Illinois, and Ohio.

Fifteen new meeting-houses were dedicated; three of them were fine buildings, erected by self-supporting churches, while the others were on mission fields. The Society, through its Church-Edifice Department, has aided in the building of five of these chapels, while all the others, with the exception of one, were paid for with money raised in the German churches.

THE MISSIONARIES.

The number of missionaries appointed by the Society during the year, or part of the year, is 82. This is a larger number than ever before in one year. They labored in the following States and Territories: Connecticut 2, New York 5, New Jersey 7, Pennsylvania 2, Ontario 2, Ohio 3, Michigan 3, Indiana 1, Illinois 9, Wisconsin 2, Iowa 2, Minnesota 5, South Dakota 4, North Dakota 6, Nebraska 5, Kansas 4, Colorado 1, Oregon 3, California 3, Washington 1, Oklahoma 1, Northwest Territories 5.

This list includes five students from the German Department of Rochester Theological Seminary, who labored only during the summer vacations. Several of the missionaries have only recently been appointed, and have just begun their labors on their respective fields.

This number of missionaries may seem large, yet when the immense territory in all these States is considered, the supply has been anything but adequate. Loud and urgent appeals have frequently been received to oc-

cupy large centers of our German population as missionary fields, but they had to remain unheeded for lack of means to support new laborers.

RESULTS.

The results of this year's work, according to the missionaries' reports, are as follows: Weeks of labor 2831, sermons preached 7534, prayer-meetings conducted 3910, pastoral visits made 21,650, received by baptism 282, and by letter and experience 296. The mission churches numbered 5516 members, and 5880 scholars in the Sunday-schools.

Much faithful work done by the missionaries cannot be expressed in figures. Their personal labors of love in dealing with individuals and families, their ministrations to the sick and dying cannot be reported on the blanks of the Society. In this respect the last winter was a specially severe one, as much sickness has prevailed throughout the country. Many letters accompanying the last quarterly reports contain language similar to the following from a missionary in North Dakota: "During the last two months I stood at the graves of seven children. Frequently I was up all night with the sick and dying. Coming home sometimes from a mission station, after a hard day's work, at 11 P. M., I found a team waiting to take me again 10 or 15 miles over the prairie. Frequently I felt like breaking down. However, I had precious experiences in ministering to these afflicted ones. The thought that we are not here to live for ourselves, but, like our Master, for others, has upheld me."

NEW FIELDS.

We were able to take up 10 new mission fields. Four of these are in cities, and six in country districts. I will mention a few of these.

A missionary was appointed for the Puget Sound cities—Tacoma and Seattle in Washington. A little church of seven members was recently organized by Missionary Kliwer in Tacoma, and the first baptism performed among the Germans in the State of Washington.

On January 1, 1899, Rev. L. Vogt began his work as itinerant missionary among the scattered Germans in Oklahoma. Already an appeal has come from Washita County, where a church of 22 members is about to be organized for the appointment of a permanent missionary.

Brother E. Wolf was appointed from December 1, 1898, to do similar work on the Yankton Indian Reservation, South Dakota, which is rapidly filling up with German settlers. Here a church, with 24 members, was recently organized, and a meeting-house is in the course of erection, which they hope to finish without any aid from the Society.

Brother Robert Finske was appointed to labor at Harvey and Casselman, North Dakota, which is a new German settlement. A church has

already been organized, with 28 members, and has more than doubled itself within a few months, and has, according to his last report, 70 members. Two meeting-houses are being built, towards one of which it is expected the Church-Edifice Department will make a grant of \$200.

The City Missionary Society of Cleveland, O., has erected a beautiful mission-chapel in the southern part of the city, among a numerous German population. Rev. F. P. Kruse, a graduate of the German Department of Rochester, was appointed to labor there, and we hope soon to be able to report the organization of the fourth German Baptist church at Cleveland, O.

The first German church at Newark, N. J., is following in the footsteps of the First German church at Chicago. It has recently dedicated a beautiful mission-chapel on Sixteenth avenue, in a part of the city where there is no other German church. While the church pays for the building, it expects that the Society will assist it in the support of a missionary for a year or two until the church to be organized will be self-supporting.

CHURCHES WHICH BECAME SELF-SUSTAINING.

Five of our mission churches had on June 1, 1898, become self-supporting. One is located in Alberta, N. W. T., one in North Dakota, two in Illinois, one in La Crosse, Wis. The latter is quite a young church, organized only four years ago, with a few members, and has now a membership of 54. This still small, but willing, band of workers and givers have purchased and paid for, without any outside help, church property in the city valued at \$3700. A good sister, one of the constituent members of the church, has donated a fine dwelling-house to the church, the income of which will help it to be self-supporting. Besides this, they have stretched their arms across the Mississippi, and have erected a beautiful chapel in a German settlement, where their pastor is doing mission work.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

While no extensive revivals have occurred, yet a hopeful spirit pervades the churches. The very severe weather during the past winter was a cause of disappointment to many of our missionaries, who expected a great ingathering of souls, but were unable in some cases for weeks to hold any meetings. Quite a number report numerous conversions on their fields: as, for instance, Rev. A. Marquardt, Beatrice, Neb., over 30; Rev. John Baasner, South Dakota, 16, and others smaller numbers, but owing to the inclemency of the weather the baptisms had to be postponed.

TWO LANGUAGES—ONE CAUSE.

Some of our most efficient and successful laborers in the past are now frequently complaining that they are losing their best members, who, after

having been trained in German churches, go to "mow" in the more inviting fields of English-speaking churches. While this is no loss to the denomination, it is extremely discouraging to the missionary, as he sees the fruit of his labors gathered in by others, and all his hopes for the upbuilding of a self-supporting church dashed to the ground. Churches already self-supporting are hindered in this way in the prosecution of aggressive work for the evangelization of their countrymen. This work among the Germans is not continued for the sake of keeping up a foreign language, but in order to reach by means of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ those who can in no other way be reached. It is a fact that, while the young people soon can make themselves familiar with the English language the host of adult Germans will know English so imperfectly that the Gospel in the English language is practically no gospel to them.

Notwithstanding this constant drain, especially upon the older churches, some reach a good and fruitful age. One of these celebrated recently its fiftieth birthday. During its existence it has become the mother church of four other churches in the same city. There are at present over 300 members in the several English churches of the same city, who were formerly in connection with the German work. A prominent pastor of one of these English-speaking churches made the significant remark, at the Anniversary, concerning the efficiency and high esteem in which the Germans are held by their American brethren: "We highly welcome the German brethren in our midst, and find that even those whom you do not want are good and useful members in our churches." The old church is still not only in existence, but full of life and activity. It is the spiritual birthplace of the writer, who was baptized into its fellowship in 1858.

OUTLAY.

The Society has paid during the year for the German work, \$14,799.02. One-half of this amount—i. e., \$7399.51, has been paid by the German churches into the treasury of the Society.

SUPERINTENDENT'S WORK.

In regard to my own work, I am obliged to report that the field is so large, and the calls for counsel and supervision so many and urgent that your Superintendent has often wished to duplicate himself in order to be in more than one place at the same time. Expressed in figures, I have visited 95 churches, preached 116 sermons, delivered 96 addresses, attended 55 prayer-meetings, traveled 15,469 miles, have written 944 letters, also a large number of articles for the *Sendbote*, and have prepared several circulars, also a leaflet on the German work for distribution in the churches. During the last winter a large number of missionary rallies were arranged in the interest of home and foreign missions, conducted by

the Superintendent and Rev. J. Heinrichs, a Telugu missionary here on furlough. They have been very successful, which was proved by the large attendance, and the spirit manifested in the meetings.

OUR PRESENT NEEDS.

Four years ago a reduction was made in the appropriation for German work. This necessitated retrenchment along the whole line. Last year the Board limited the amount to be appropriated to \$7750. We greatly desire and need an increase of \$1250 in the appropriation, to make an advance movement in the closing year of the Nineteenth Century. This would make the appropriation by the Society \$9000. Is this too much for the whole denomination to spend, through their Home Mission Society, for the German work, which the Lord has so signally blessed, not only for the salvation of many thousands of Germans, but also for the denomination at large, as so many have entered from our German ranks through the always "open door" into English-speaking churches.

Such an increase would stir up new interest among our own people, so that I feel free in promising that a similar amount will be raised in the German churches. Thus, \$18,000 would be secured for the German work, and I am sure the results would amply justify the increased expenditure. In politics our German brethren may be divided as to the wisdom of "expansion," but in the affairs of the Kingdom we are thorough "expansionists," and our motto is: "In Christ alone is salvation for our people."

THE CITY OF MEXICO.

REV. WILLIAM H. SLOAN.

One of the most distant points from the United States reached by the American Baptist Home Mission Society in its work is our mission in the City of Mexico, and its sister church in Puebla, a hundred miles still further south and east. It takes about three thousand miles of travel from New York City to reach us, and the nearest American territory is some twelve hundred miles away. Although geographically near to the United States, there is probably less known to-day about Mexico than of almost any other country claiming to be civilized; certainly not so much as concerning Egypt, Palestine, the leading States of British India, Cuba, or Puerto Rico. It is doubtful if as large a proportion as one in a thousand of the fairly educated men in the United States could at once, and without reference to an encyclopedia, locate and name the twenty-seven States and two territories into which the Republic of Mexico is divided, or so many of its cities and towns as have a population in excess of fifteen or twenty thousand.

And yet the Republic of Mexico is bound to be a factor to be reck-

oned with in the near future. She is forging ahead with marvelous rapidity. English, German, and American capital are seeking investment, and the entire country is becoming penetrated with new ideas and new ambitions. The attention of Americans, and especially of American Christians, is being drawn to this mighty republic as a field for Christian work, perhaps one of the most promising of those whose doors are to-day opened wide to the coming of the Gospel. Much is being said about Mexico, and more is being written about it in newspapers, magazines, and books, and it cannot surely be long before good will come of it, and missionaries be hurried in to occupy every point of importance in the land. Our new American possessions may for a time demand attention, and awaken more or less enthusiasm, but a careful study of the situation will not fail to impress the Christian world that this land with its magnificent field for investment, and its vigorous, progressive race of people occupies a strategic position in North America, and should not be neglected in the feverish anxiety to occupy new fields.

STEADY PROGRESS.

We are constantly asked, Is it worth while to work in, and for, Mexico? Can you missionaries tell us what are your hopes for that splendid, but priest-ridden land? We believe with all our hearts in the glorious future of this republic, and we believe that some day, notwithstanding the little interest taken in it now, it will become Immanuel's land. Every State is working for the advancement of its future citizens. Schools and colleges are being multiplied, large sums of money are being spent in perfecting the educational system, and an increasing number of people is learning to read, and so to have access to the Word of God and Christian periodicals. A stable government ensures progress, prosperity, and protection, and we are confident that great spiritual results are to follow in the wake of these material blessings.

There have been ups and downs in the Baptist work throughout the country, but in our most important center, the Capital itself, it has been steadily moving upwards for several years past. We cannot chronicle large gains as to church membership, but we preach to increasing multitudes, processions of people, throughout the year. Our church and three mission-stations keep the light burning amid the surrounding darkness. We maintain the faith, and urge the duty of obedience to Christ in all things. A pure church amid the lax morality and loose practices that surround us is our constant theme and aim, and the Lord is permitting us to see such a people gradually growing into full spiritual likeness to their great Head. Merely as centers of tract-distribution and Sunday-school instruction; if in no other way, our preaching-stations must do an enormous amount of good; when to those we add the constant preaching of the Gospel to

several hundred people every week, many of whom have never heard it before, and perhaps never will again, may we not believe that permanent fruit will be brought forth, in accordance with the divine promise? Will the Lord permit these years of patient seed-sowing to pass away without some day giving an abundant harvest? Surely not. But we see already many signs of the coming reaping. In fact we are permitted to gather a few sheaves all along the way, as we labor and wait for the larger harvest.

The year now closing has been a prosperous one in nearly every department of our work. Our church has reached a membership of about 170, while the attendance in our missions has been encouraging. Eleven persons were baptized during the month of March, and from our printing-press a volume of "Spurgeon's Sermons" in Spanish has been issued. Our press continues to turn out thousands of tracts every year, and our Baptist paper, *La Luz*, continues to visit regularly the homes of Mexican Christians all over the republic, and is making its way also into Cuba and Puerto Rico. A Puerto Rican who six months ago had never heard of the Gospel of Christ has sent us the money and names for three copies of the paper, and is hoping to increase the list.

A pleasant diversion during the year for the missionary in charge, made possible by a three-months' leave of absence granted him by the Board, was a visit made to Puerto Rico in the months of October, November, and December, 1898, and the preaching of the Good News to a people who had never heard it. It was a blessed privilege and experience, and it has contributed not a little to brace up Christian faith, and establish our confidence in the ultimate outcome of missionary work.

Our Sunday-schools we find to be most important agencies in our work, and we are bestowing increasing attention upon them. Many people drop into the service when they hear the singing, and the treatment of the lesson affords opportunity to touch upon a wide range of topics in which the Catholic as well as Protestant is interested, so that the service becomes evangelical as well as educational. The results have been surprisingly good. Our Sunday-schools in the church proper, and in the missions of Guadalupe, Santa Maria, and Nahuatlato have all been greatly blessed as evangelizing agencies.

The work of putting into Spanish original and selected denominational tracts has been carried along during the year, and our Spanish literature is constantly being enriched in this way. We greatly need special contributions for this important department of our work.

A kindergarten conducted by Mrs. H. B. Roberts has been added to the mission, and gives promise of becoming a most useful adjunct. But the question arises, What shall we do with the children when they have finished their course in the kindergarten? That we need a higher school, in which the pupils, the girls at least, could be kept under Christian tutelage for some

years, is patent to every one who visits our mission and studies the problem of the evangelization of Mexico. We are praying God to put into some heart the establishment of a high-grade boarding-school for girls in the City of Mexico. The recent visit of Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society we hope will result in the building of such an institution.

A feature of our work that is giving great satisfaction is the use of the bicycle in tract-distribution. The valley of Mexico, in its length of forty-five miles, studded with innumerable towns and hamlets, and traversed by magnificent avenues that have been trodden for nearly a thousand years, affords a fine field for work of this nature. During the year we have handed from the wheel to passers-by over ten thousand tracts, and have had the satisfaction of looking back at many groups who had sought the shade of the huge cypress trees to read what we had given them.

Having been for over two years preaching to three congregations, and sometimes four, without a native Mexican helper, we are rejoicing at the coming of a Titus in the person of Ernesto Barocio, a young married Baptist, who gives promise of great usefulness on this field. The skies are bright with hope and cheer, and we are looking for a rich blessing from the Lord of the Harvest.

NEW LAREDO, MEXICO.

REV. J. F. KIMBALL, MISSIONARY.

I send a "brief statement" of work done since May 1, 1898. Sermons preached 177, Sunday-school sessions 83, prayer-meetings 55, baptisms 13, persons and families religiously visited 913. This work has been done mainly in New Laredo and Columbia, Mexico, and Laredo, Tohig, and Cotulla, Texas. Considerable ranch work has also been done. We have sold a few Bibles and Testaments, and would have sold more, but the American Bible Society has had, most of the time, one of their agents on this frontier, and he has done a very successful work. We do a continual, active tract work.

We have one student for the ministry, a young man, whom I baptized last May in Cotulla, Texas. He already has some educational advantages and bids fair to make a useful worker. I am carrying on a little day-school, which has, since September, when I began, grown from 3 to 20. Several of the children are from among the leading families of the town. From the proceeds of the school I support our student for the ministry. He helps me teach, and is at the same time a student.

The terrific smallpox epidemic has, for the last six weeks, thrown us clear out of the line of the regular work, and has caused, perhaps, some little spiritual retrogression in the membership. While the public meetings

are a prolific medium in the propagation of the disease, and while there is still imminent danger that we may fall a victim to its ravages, we have, nevertheless, ventured to resume regular work in our home church. We began last Sunday (12th inst.) with encouraging prospects. At Sunday-school 15 were present, and 18 at the night preaching. At prayer-meeting last night 19 were present.

We will commence the building of our meeting-house soon. We have already quite an amount of material on the lot for building, and have an architect drawing plan and specifications. The auditorium will be 43x26 feet in the clear, with bay-window 6 feet deep, 2 class-rooms, 20x11 feet 9 inches in the clear, separated from the auditorium by 2 folding-doors 10 feet wide, a tower 11 x 11 feet, a baptistery and two small subterranean baptismal apartments. We hope to have the house finished within the next three months.

While the disappointed fish-and-loaves seekers have not ceased to sow tares among the wheat, we are sure the truth has progressed and now holds more commanding positions than ever before. Many of the leading people claim to be "Free Thinkers," but still, deep down in their soul, there is a mighty latent, understratum of Romanism, which is potent to assert itself when it is known that death is at the door. With the exception of a comparatively small minority, the people are awfully, morally, corrupt, and are given to all kinds of licentious pleasures. Sunday is the principal day for high carnival.

Besides the widespread smallpox epidemic, a terrible drought is upon us, and these two contemporaneous events are going to make the work hard and slow of progress for some months to come. Thousands of stock of all kinds have died (are still dying) all along this frontier during the winter, and, unless it rains abundantly in the remaining days of this month, nothing will be cropped here this year. A large majority of the people will have a hard struggle to live.

PUEBLA, MEXICO.

REV. F. URIEGAS, MISSIONARY.

The following is a brief statement of the work on my field during last year:

In general I may say that the work here is good and prosperous, though during this quarter it has been somewhat broken by such an epidemic of gripe, scarlet fever, and measles as there has not been before, almost all my children having been sick of the latter. Many of our members were also sick. However, our Sunday-school is very well attended. The evening services the attendance is not so large as in past days. However, we are trying to do the best we can under the circumstances, and hope for

better times in the future. We have an average attendance in the Sunday-school of about 40 persons, and from 20 to 30 in the other meetings. In special services we have larger attendances. For instance, on December 23, 1898, we had a splendid Christmas entertainment, and more than 200 people crowded our chapel and a neighboring room. We had not a larger attendance, because we had no more room for them. The first day of this year we had also a thanksgiving service, being one of the most precious meetings we have had for a long while, and our meeting-house was well filled. The same we may say of a precious service we had on Sunday night, January 15th, when Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, Secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, visited us, in her trip through Mexico, and gave us a splendid address, which we will not forget for a long time, before an attendance of about 70 persons, who heard her with the greatest pleasure. She spoke in English, being translated by Miss Galvan, one of our missionaries. Our Christian Endeavor and Junior Societies are in good condition. During the year seven persons have been added to the church, six by baptism and one by letter, and about \$100, Mexican money, have been collected and spent. We number 32, but there live in Puebla only 20, the others having left the city, and are living at present in other parts of the Republic. Miss J. G. Bristol and Miss Esther Galvan, my co-workers, are rendering efficient work, and their help is of great value to us. They do very good work, visiting from house to house and among women and children. I generally visit with them.

God has blessed us richly, we feel encouraged, and we think the outlook for the future is good and promising.

We are very much obliged to the American Baptist Home Mission Society for the help it is giving us, and we pray God to bless it in the great mission it fulfils.

REPORT OF THE FIELD SECRETARY.

H. L. MOREHOUSE, D.D.

During the year I have participated in two Conferences, held by representatives of the Home Mission Society and the Missionary Union; one with the Publication Society, and one with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which particular mention is made in the Annual Report of the Board.

I have attended several meetings of Conventions and Boards; have had several formal Conferences with representatives of City Mission Societies; have addressed three Social Unions, Ministers' Conferences, and Churches in the interests of the Society; have devoted considerable attention to the renewal and maintenance of the plan of coöperation in the South, besides many other matters, of which it is impossible to make special mention.

COOPERATION AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

In general the plan of coöperation for and with the colored Baptists of the South has continued in successful operation. After three years' observation of its workings the North Carolina Baptist Convention (white), at a time when political prejudice against the Negro had been aroused to an almost unparalleled pitch, voted unanimously to continue coöperation with the Society and the other organizations for three years more. The plan for the "New-Era Institutes" has been somewhat modified, as suggested by the experience of previous years. In Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Missouri the coöperative work has gone forward very satisfactorily, with slight exceptions. In Alabama the arrangement will probably terminate on account of the unwillingness of the white Baptist State Convention to make any appropriation for this work.

The general features of the plan of coöperation, with special application and adaptations to educational work for the colored people, have been adopted also in Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and are maturing for Texas. This feature of the work is more particularly referred to in the report of the Superintendent of Education.

The colored Baptists of the Southern States in which the plan has been adopted are most emphatic in their expressions of its benefits, both to ministers and to the churches generally. It is probable that other States will enter into coöperation the coming year.

COOPERATION IN CITY MISSION WORK.

The plan of coöperation with the Baptist City Mission Society of Chicago went into effect October 1, 1898. Both at the meetings of the Chicago Association and of the Baptist Social Union, held about that time, the subject was specially considered, the Society being represented on these occasions. The combination of forces and the unification of the whole work has been attended with most happy results. The outlook is bright for a better and larger work than ever before in our missionary activities in that great city.

Coöperative work with the Baptists of Detroit began April 1, 1899. This was entered into after a full conference with a representative gathering of Baptists in that city in February last, and after they had carefully considered the subject for several months.

Conferences have been held also with the Baptists of Buffalo and St. Louis, New York City, and Brooklyn, but definite conclusions have not yet been reached.

There is evidently a growing conviction that this work of helping to save the cities must receive more attention and larger appropriations from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, henceforth. To do what ought to be done will require larger resources than at present are at the

Society's disposal. The Society does not propose to relieve city-mission organizations of financial or other responsibility, but rather to stimulate to larger offerings and to impart to the work a steadiness, which, without its aid, would be impossible. Baptists whom God has blessed with temporal prosperity, and who are residents of these cities are earnestly asked to consider whether they should not place generous sums at the disposal of the Society for this purpose. Fifty thousand dollars yearly could thus be wisely expended.

The Field Secretary may be allowed to express his gratitude to God and his appreciation of the kindness of his brethren, that he has been permitted to serve the Society for twenty years, and during this period to witness the great development of the Society's work.

VIRGINIA.

REV. P. S. LEWIS, RICHMOND, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

I present herewith a brief statement of the work done by your missionaries, under the plan of cooperation, from April 1, 1898, to March 31, 1899. Many trials have confronted us in the great work which we have undertaken, during the past year, but through them all the Lord has led us victoriously, and we now bring to you some of the results which have crowned our labors. We have tried to do our best in representing the great Baptist brotherhood before the churches and other public gatherings in every part of the State, and thereby bring the missionary work in touch with the masses. The intellectual and religious life of the people has been greatly aroused, which is seen, first, in the importance which they attach to the institutes; second, in their increased contributions for State evangelization. The pastors, white and colored, have stood by the compacts and rendered the missionaries all the help possible for the successful prosecution of their work. Some of the very best talent was employed and the lectures given were of the highest order. People of every rank and profession have given their testimonials to the uniqueness and fruitfulness of the missionary work under coöperation, and to the institutes especially, which have been an engine of power in bringing about these glorious results.

The institutes have been attended by 399 ministers and 11,226 laymen; and such has been the influence exerted among the people that scores of them have been instrumental in developing the spirit of Christian benevolence in their churches and raising funds for missions. Coöperation is taking a firmer hold upon the Baptists and the cry comes from every quarter of the State in favor of its continuance. Eighty-eight colored and eighty-six white ministers delivered lectures in the institutes, and their one purpose seems to have been to exalt true manhood and womanhood and to enlist every believer in an effort to save the world.

The greatest harmony and good order prevailed in all our meetings. The missionaries have striven with voice and pen to keep the objects of coöperation constantly before the people, and when possible they have assisted pastors in their protracted meetings, in which hundreds professed hope in Christ and united with the Baptist church. Coöperation is thus far accomplishing that for which it was inaugurated.

The convention employed its usual number of student missionaries, who labored during the summer, principally in the western district. The mission churches have been greatly helped by the untiring labors of student preachers. There is still a great deal of work to be done in the State, which from the nature of things will move along slowly for some time to come, on account of our lack of means and consequently, of our limited working force. A large number of well-qualified missionary pastors should be stationed in different parts of the State where the Baptist cause is weak, who can stay among the people and have them meet more often for worship. By this means, much of our work which seems visionary to some will be more tangible. We are proud to state that the future outlook for missionary enterprise in the State grows more hopeful every day as this report indicates. Our brethren express themselves as being grateful to the white Baptists North and South for the interest they have taken in missionary work among colored Baptists. The time is not far distant, when, through its missionaries, the Convention will exert a powerful influence for good over every church in the State in behalf of education, State and Foreign Missions.

The following table shows the work of four missionaries:

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	Weeks of service.	Institutes held.	Sermons preached.	Addresses delivered.	Conversions.	Churches visited.	Prayer meetings attended.	Public meetings attended.	Religious visits.	Letters and postals written.	Articles published.	Pages of tracts distributed.	Young people counseled about their education.	Money collected for State Missions.	Miles traveled.
P. S. Lewis, Richmond.....	General Missionary.....	52	1	84	110	95	70	77	18	138	967	55	42,496	420	\$317.04	6,535
F. P. Saunders, Lynchburg.....	Western.....	52	20	84	130	....	85	72	9	95	469	17	2,600	....	269.89	6,908
H. P. Weedon, Charlottesville...	Northern.....	52	13	131	98	200	....	139	127	85	80	47	20,000	200	179.18	8,652
Wm. Cousins, Norfolk.....	Eastern.....	52	18	100	108	36	65	56	7	359	978	10	8,702	386	408.04	6,481
Totals.....	.....	208	52	399	446	331	220	344	161	677	2,494	129	73,798	1,096	\$1,174.15	28,576

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY.

J. W. KIRBY, D.D., RICHMOND, FINANCIAL AGENT.

A REVIEW OF THE FIELD.

During the past year very successful efforts have been made to cover new territory within our bounds and to present to new gatherings our educational work. It is remarkable to find how new the work, which has been prosecuted in this State by the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, is to many of our people in certain parts of the State.

It is true that some of them know of the Richmond Theological Seminary and Wayland, but fewer know of Hartshorn and the great work that is being done in the South by this Society. Wherever this condition has obtained the people have heard the representatives of this Society gladly. If a work as old as our educational work in Virginia is not thoroughly known, how much less, it is presumable to say, they know of the great scheme to establish the Virginia Union University.

METHODS PURSUED.

We have followed the same general methods used during last year, *viz.*, to visit associations, conventions, individuals, churches, and mass-meetings, and in these clearly set before the people the work of the Society as it is carried on in Virginia, and in a general way speak of the work as carried on throughout the South.

I have, by the means of illustrated lectures caused the people to get some conception of the magnitude of our work, and thereby made many friends. The gigantic strides made by the work, commenced in 1865 in "Lumpkin's Jail" to the grand buildings for the Virginia Union University now in course of erection, speak in very potential tones of the philanthropic spirit that has characterized the Society's work among the negroes of the South.

In order that the work of the Society may be fully appreciated, it is necessary to keep it before the people continually. This is made the more necessary because of the sharp competition between the various schools of the State, which rank above the public-school grades.

THE SOURCE OF SOME OF THE OPPOSITION TO OUR WORK.

Some men have opposed the work of the Society because of their real ignorance of its plan and purposes. In this they, in many instances, have been led to see the work through the eyes of others, and unfortunately through the eyes of those who had personal spites to ventilate or a desire to create dissension and confusion. The greater the darkness, the brighter they shine.

Others in a very subtle way have striven to impress some of the people that we are "striving to attain the unattainable," whatever this may be to them. But all the people cannot be fooled all the time. Nothing emancipates like truth.

Notwithstanding the battle which it has been necessary to wage against foes within and without our ranks, the work has grown steadily and very permanently. The work is more permanently fixed in the hearts of the rank and file of the people than ever before.

Rev. M. McVicar, LL.D., Supt. of Education, will join me early in April in a campaign in the interest of our work. It is our purpose to visit several points of interest in the State and call together the leaders and talk over the work and set before them the attitude of the Society. By this means, we hope to cause scales of ignorance to fall from the eyes of many who are laboring under mistakes that have been forced upon them. Wherever this course is pursued the result has been helpful to our cause.

FINANCIAL PROSPECTS.

This year has not been as fruitful in its results financially as I had hoped to find it. Many are the causes leading up to this state of financial depression. But few of the churches have been able to meet their incidental expenses. In many cases they have closed their fiscal year with an indebtedness of several hundred dollars.

The ordinary laborers have not been steadily employed. Besides, there has been upon the people a winter of unusual severity.

Many clubs and societies organized for the purpose of raising money for the University have been greatly hampered in their work because of the conditions named above.

Internal dissensions in some of the churches and some other causes needless to be here named have had a bad effect upon our efforts to make collections.

This is indeed a time of sowing but harvest time will come later on.

EDUCATIONAL DAY.

With the coöperation of the Executive Board of the Virginia Baptist State Sunday-school Convention I am planning to have the Baptist Sunday-schools of the State observe the 5th Sunday in April as "Educational Day" for the Virginia Union University. It is hoped by this means to swell our collections materially. The program will be such as will instruct the public as to the educational work, also will inspire greater confidence and more zeal for the same.

CASH AND NOTES COLLECTED.

April, 1898.....	Cash.....	\$ 88 62
May, "	"	135 35
June, "	"	55 52
July, "	"	133 48
Aug., "	"	156 83
Sept., "	"	149 18
Oct., "	"	45 42
Nov., "	"	65 31
Dec., "	"	115 98
Jan., 1899.....	"	72 60
Feb., "	"	92 61
March, "	"	54 38
Total		\$1165 28
Notes—Amount		200 00
Grand Total		\$1365 28

The work as done in the schools of the Society in this State is appreciated and considered indispensable by the best men and women of the State. Only words of praise can be heard from the lips of the people of the cities and rural districts in a large majority of instances. Those who strive to engender strife and sow discord are being seen in their true colors and the people are looking upon them as obstructionists.

I believe the day is soon to dawn when in Virginia the Baptist forces will be gotten closer together and more work accomplished than ever before.

The praiseworthy efforts of our Northern friends to emancipate my people from ignorance and vice will soon bring forth a harvest of good results which only eternity's King can fully estimate. These results are even now to be seen in a great degree in the improvement of the teachers, preachers, and leaders who have gone forth to shine in the various communities of this our Southland.

NORTH CAROLINA.

REV. J. A. WHITTED, RALEIGH, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

For the year ending April 1, 1899, I have spent in the service of the Society, 52 weeks.

Institutes attended, 37; sermons preached, 63; addresses delivered, 134; churches visited, 93; Bibles distributed, 109; tracts distributed, 5460; money collected, \$315.60; families visited, 280; miles traveled, 19,640.

Owing to the political disturbances, the work for the past year has been under trying circumstances. Just now the conditions have changed considerably and the work seems to be more effective than ever. We have been able to systematize our work more in the past few months. Our prospects are brightening very much. The Western section of the State which promised less in the beginning of the work in the State is thus far ahead of the other two sections for this year. This is due largely to the fact that we have more pastors in the West and also to the smooth and earnest work of the missionary in that section. Although the change is slow we are trying to get some of our ministers to take one or two churches so as to enable them to do pastoral work. The people in all sections are necessarily aroused on the subject of education. Much of this is due to the constitutional amendment requiring it as a qualification for franchise. We can safely say, there is progress along all lines in the improvement and development of the colored people of North Carolina.

GEORGIA.

REV. EDWIN P. JOHNSON, ATLANTA, GENERAL EDUCATIONAL MISSIONARY.

We have one aim, one purpose, *viz.*: The Christian education of all the people. We hope to reach the preachers first. (a) We gather them in the New Era Institute from three to ten days. They are taught the best methods of studying whole books in the Bible and special subjects therein. Plans for preparing and delivering sermons are given them. They are instructed how to *read* the Bible and hymns. (b) We introduce a preacher's library of ten books at a cost of five dollars. One hundred persons are asked to give each five cents apiece for the library for the pastor. A committee consisting of five or ten persons is appointed to collect the money and report in thirty days. When the books are purchased, a literary meeting will be held in the church. Papers will be read and addresses delivered on "The value of good books to a minister; to give information; to stimulate thought; to cultivate correct use of language; to give breadth of views," etc.

The missionary of the district in an appropriate speech will present the library to the pastor, who will respond. We hope in this way to induce the preacher to read and think.

It will be easy to reach and benefit the churches, when we have won the confidence of the preachers. We will strongly help the churches. (a) By organizing missionary and education societies in them and by seeing that the best and most active men and women are made officers of said societies. (b) By inducing the officers of the churches to thoroughly organize all the departments of church work, the prayer-meetings, the choir, the business-meetings, and the Sunday-schools. We hope also to benefit

the schools. (a) By advertizing them wherever we go. (b) By urging those who go to the places where our schools are located, to visit them. (c) By securing students for them. (d) By raising all the money possible to help foster them.

It must be remembered that we have been in active work about six weeks. Before we can hope for great results, we must acquaint the people with our plans and objects. Where the institutes have been held, much interest has been manifested. When our work is fully known there will be no doubt as to the results in better preachers and better teaching; a deeper interest in educational matters, a larger number of pupils attending our schools, and more money raised to foster the educational and missionary work.

KENTUCKY.

REV. P. H. KENNEDY, HENDERSON, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

After twelve months of hard work under the plan of coöperation we come to you, by report, with thankful hearts for the progress made in missionary work among the colored Baptists in Kentucky. Many of the pastors and people who stood by to see whether we would sink or swim have, and are falling into line, and even taking a part in the work, and bidding us Godspeed. The resignation of Rev. J. E. Wood, our District Missionary, was quite a setback to the then future success of the work.

It brought the institute work to a standstill. It was in the midst of the meetings of our District Associations and Sunday-school Conventions. The whole of my time was taken in visiting and laying our plans before these bodies in order to secure their cooperation; we succeeded in getting each of them to adopt and promise their hearty support.

The appointment of Rev. R. B. Butler, District Missionary for the eastern part of the State is proving very satisfactory. He is prosecuting the work with great zeal. We have held twenty institutes at the following places: Henderson, Cadiz, Danville, Lexington, Harrodsburg, Louisville, Paducah, Louisville, Paris, Princeton, Owensboro, Louisville, Danville, Earlington, Eminence, Madisonville, Lexington, Winchester, Richmond, and Covington. The attendance of ministers and members was good. The effect upon them was splendid. Strong resolutions were adopted by the people endorsing the work and the workmen, and an invitation given to hold another institute with them.

The brethren whom we have had to deliver lectures are among the ablest in the State. They express themselves as being delighted with the work as it is being done. The interests of our white brethren in the New Era Institute work knows no abatement. They are ever ready to take a place on the program. He is ever on time with weapon in hand ready to

do battle for the cause. Indeed this is a great school for the colored Baptists and more especially for the ministry; many of whom are seizing every available opportunity, to the delight of their congregations and the communities in which they live. Our Special Day contributions this year have been very encouraging, while they were not larger from the individual church, more churches contributed.

Our Church Edifice Day (observed the first time), on the second Sunday in October, 1898, passed our most sanguine expectation. The contributions from that day enabled the State Executive Board to give assistance to quite a number of poor churches.

We have just introduced a plan that is working admirably to begin with, to raise money for the State work this year. It calls for a contribution from both Sunday-school and church each Lord's day. So far as I have been able to learn it has met with general approval. The columns of our denominational papers, both white and colored, are open for the furtherance of the work for which we are very thankful. It is safe to say that these institutes and lectures have reached from twenty to twenty-five thousand people during this year. In some places where they are held the public schools attend in a body to hear the lectures; that means much for the young people.

From the plans and the interests awakened, we are expecting great results for this year's work, in the development of Christian beneficence and systematic giving.

TENNESSEE.

REV. T. J. SEARCY, MEMPHIS, FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

This report covers the period from August 15, 1898 to March 15, 1899. This is so because of the fact that my appointment as successor to Rev. W. G. Parks became effective about the middle of August.

My plan was first to introduce the cooperative plan and to create an interest in our educational work in pastors and churches in the cities of the State. This result was best attained by personal and private discussions of plans with the individual pastor.

Having gained the sympathy of the pastors and having made sure of their cooperation, the public meetings were then called at which the cooperative plan was explained, addresses delivered, clubs formed, and pledges taken. When these city churches were thus aroused, the pastors and churches of the adjacent territory were reached in the same manner. This much being accomplished, arrangements were made for a second visit to the worked-up community at which time ministerial institutes were held. These institutes have proved of great blessing to the brethren. As to the financial results my report will indicate. As to the awakening of a deeper interest in educational work, the fact that pressing invitations have reached

me from all quarters to come and hold educational meetings and institutes as soon as the severe weather is over and attend to the interest that has been awakened.

We have about forty associations, and my future plan is to have a meeting of the moderators of the different associations on the 18th of May, at which time we will arrange with them to raise \$100 in their respective associations for educational work, also mission work, this money to be sent to the State Convention in July. Our hope for the present is in these annual gatherings until our people have been trained to a systematic giving.

Cash collected..... \$441 02

Educational addresses, 91; sermons, 59; conferences, 61; mass-meetings, 9; church pledges, 48; individual pledges, 128; associations, 1; letters written, 396; church visits, 82; miles traveled, 6042; expenses, \$81 56.

ARKANSAS.

REV. J. H. HOKE, LITTLE ROCK, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

With much pleasure I submit this, my annual report, for the year ending March 31, 1899. I have served in this State as missionary for eleven years, and can safely say that we have never had so many hindrances as this year has brought us: epidemics, quarantines, war excitements, floods, in the low lands, a general rainy season, and a hard winter. Nearly one-third of the cotton crop is yet in the field. But in spite of all this, we have had our labors crowned with abundant success and reaped, I think, a rich harvest; greater, perhaps, than any previous year.

New Church Houses.—The denomination, stimulated by what the Society did along this line some years ago, has kept a steady march in this respect and has regularly multiplied the number of church edifices in the State. Many congregations have beautiful houses of worship and others are building. Among these church houses there is quite a number that would do credit to any town or city. At the same time there are many other points where the other denominations predominate and where the Baptists are poor; therefore, it is hard for them to get on foot in such places. A small donation to congregations at such points would bring about wonderful results. Could the society see some of the fields where such donations were made to small churches some years ago, they would have special occasion to rejoice over the fruits of their labors.

Unity of Missions and Education.—In this State there is hardly any difference made between our educational and missionary campaigns. Education and missions hold up each other. We can say that we have a stronger grasp upon the people because of this thing than we have ever had before. Thirty associations contributed to the work last year. Only two of these refused to contribute to education, while all of them gave some-

thing in some way to missions. It is only a question of time when all the churches will take hold and do what the Lord has commanded: "Preach the Gospel to every creature."

Successful Methods.—I visit every convention, association, and union meeting that I can possibly reach. I write and talk to individuals and preach about the work. In settlements where there are several churches I conduct missionary meetings or institutes lasting two or three days at a time. I report this work and its results every week through the denominational organ, *Baptist Vanguard*. A weekly account of these meetings through the paper has a wonderful reflective and prospective influence. Besides, I use cards with Scripture verses printed on them, as follows: "Ye are the salt of the earth," "Ye are the light of the world," "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works," "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." By these plans I raise means that enable me to do much toward supporting my work. But it will take much longer time to accomplish the desire of the denomination in this way, for much of our time, as will be seen, is spent in collecting means off the same field for the support of that field. If we had the means to continue at the real mission work all the time, greater good could be accomplished. Yet we cannot make small of the idea of self-support on any field capable of being worked up to that point.

In the face of all these facts and conditions, however, the Society has many reasons to be encouraged to continue the prosecution of its work in this way, relying on Him who said: "My word shall not return unto me void," for final results. If the Society could hear what the rank and file of the people have to say about it, those who give to a work like this would praise the Lord once more. It is needless to say that there is a deeper interest created in our people from year to year, when we note the fact that the mission work is almost self-sustaining; that our people respond more freely and more frequently to all legitimate missionary appeals; and that they have done twice as much for education during the past year as in any previous year. The fact that they contributed more than three thousand dollars to the Arkansas Baptist College last year and that they are furnishing nearly two hundred students in regular attendance is no mean thing to go down to the credit of our missionary campaigns conducted in every corner of the State.

MISSOURI.

REV. H. N. BOUEY, MACON, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

The record of my personal services for the year is as follows: Churches visited, 75; associations attended, 22; other public meetings, 18; days spent in Society's service, 365; sermons preached 210; addresses de-

livered, 100; prayer-meetings attended, 113; religious visits made, 273; pages of tracts distributed, 626; baptized, 33; administered the Lord's supper, 12; churches organized, 2; assisted church dedications, 1; letters and cards written, 589; institutes held and visited, 16; persons converted where I worked, 189.

I do not believe a man can be found in Missouri who will deny that the Negro Baptists are not only the strongest in Missouri, but the most active in missionary zeal. This was not always so. This, due to the organization of the State and the Macon Baptist School, was all stimulated by your work in the State, which commenced August 1, 1889. Prior to that time there was no organization, no school, no State work of any kind. To visit the district associations now, in 1899, remembering what they were in 1889, would greatly surprise as well as please all classes. We had four good, strong district associations, and the other five were very weak and were hardly known except by a few, locally interested. But, now, through mission work, both State and District, they are all strong, active, and united.

I do not claim too much for the great Home Mission Society, nor does any one in Missouri deny it, when I say that the Society's work stimulated the Negro Baptists of Missouri to at least double activity. I do not claim that our present activity is great, but in contrast with the depth of lethargy from whence we came, it is certainly encouraging. How has this been accomplished?

1. By meeting the Executive Boards of the District Associations, and in these quarterly board meetings, lecture and plan on missions.

2. The General Missionary, knowing the destitution of all the districts, has at these board meetings awakened a strong spirit among the members, who are the leading men of the district.

3. Our financial plan has been to have each of the nine district associations to collect from each church in its connection as much as 5 or 10 cents from each member. This is brought to the Association for missions and education. This goes to pay the District Missionary, and the balance goes to the State Board.

4. Every district has a missionary now, but a few years ago they were not able to maintain one. The State Convention and your Missionary have so strengthened the Associations that they easily pay their local missionary and make contributions in addition to the State Board.

5. This year the nine district executive boards are inviting the "New Era Institutes" in connection with their quarterly sessions. This is because the leading men have realized the good of these institutes. We cannot hold them now as often as desired by the brethren. All classes are loud in their praise.

TEXAS.

REV. F. G. DAVIS, M'KINNEY, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Our work this year has been hindered considerably by the low price of cotton and a very severe winter. Texas is a very hard as well as a wild field. We have our saw-mill region, where the people are very wicked, low in morals, spending their Sabbaths in riotous living. Out West, for want of church-privileges many go wild that seemingly lived a consistent Christian life before they went West. In many of our churches in the bottoms they still have their holy dances after the preaching. Our churches—most of them are in debt. This comes about because of the lack of financial system, and a proper knowledge of the Bible concerning the matter. Most of our churches depend upon sunshine for their collections also upon suppers and contests. The people give as you excite them. Make them happy, that is hilarious, or get them mad at another crowd and as long as they are in this state of mind they will give money.

Sometimes revivals are conducted for the purpose of raising money, churches are split, and while they are angry with each other they will work hard, give money in abundance. This accounts for so many weak churches and churches overburdened with debt. And of course as long as the churches are in debt, not much can be expected of them for missions and education. The only system that the most of our churches have, is the 25 cents (for the pastor) per month per member; and the collection of this in most cases depend upon the weather. Many of our best members, I mean in financial ability, feel that they have done their duty when they have paid the pastor 25 cents a month, and a nickel or so occasionally to other causes. So you may see how very difficult it is to do general missionary work and collect money from the churches which have been trained in such a way, that it takes the most of their time to get up pastor's salary and a few local expenses; especially so when show, or vanity, or some other feeling besides that of love to God and duty to His cause actuates the giving. We have been trained thus. Take our friends around us, and the love of show is seen. Most of them like to be called captain, colonel, or general. We get our idea of calling every school that has a very nice building a college. This idea of appearing big, and conducting big things runs through everything almost with which we have to do. Many of our people have no homes because they were not content to buy small places, but wanted big plantations. It is hard for us to abide the day of small things. The seed has been planted and the fruits given to the children, by our parents from big plantations. It will take years of hard earnest work to unlearn many things. We have yet to learn to think, investigate affairs from beginning to end. Our people are at the point where the imagination has great play. They see great schools, and other enterprises of importance

conducted by men, and they say we are men, we can do these things too. Counting on their manhood, they launch out; forgetting that these successful enterprises mean years of patient toil and experience, great outlay of money and enterprise, besides ability and strict business principles.

Our work consisted in holding Bible institutes, visiting churches and associations. Our institute work has been very encouraging and much good has been accomplished. Some of our churches are improving in their financial methods and otherwise. Our associations are growing more and more in favor of real mission work, and a better spirit toward the educational work. Our schools are doing much better this year. In our work last summer we made it a point to urge the importance of filling up our schools. The low price of cotton kept many out. We are glad that the schools of other denominations and even the public schools are full and doing better.

Our financial methods in our work. We are trying to get the people to give as the Lord prospers them. We have a pledge-card; one is enclosed. We have also a fixed day, the second Sunday in December, as a day for State missions. We have a program. Pastors are expected to preach or talk on the subject of missions, take up a collection for the same. More and more they are beginning to observe this day, only the blizzard hindered us in December. We have in a great many of our churches the Women's Mission Society and they contribute to the work, when their gifts are not absorbed by the pastor or church debts. We have been trying to organize in each county a Christian Worker's Institute; for we believe that the people as well as pastors need to get closer to the Bible. We are now engaged in a great struggle to clear our Houston and Hearne Academies of a \$5000 debt. We are bending our energies to the end that by October 1, 1899, if possible, every cent of it may be paid.

We are thankful to the Society for her continued help.

III. CHURCH EDIFICE DEPARTMENT.

Each year's experience confirms the wisdom of having a fund available either as a loan or a gift to aid churches in the erection of suitable meeting-houses. The success or failure of a new church enterprise seems oftentimes conditioned, so far as human agencies are concerned, upon receiving aid from such a fund. The general purpose of both the Loans and the Gifts is to aid in the erection of new houses, but during the last few years it has been found absolutely necessary, to avoid impending disaster, to use both occasionally to aid in the payment of debts incurred dur-

ing times of prosperity and hopeful outlook. Our Cause would have suffered large and irretrievable ruin, apparently, had it not been for the succor we were able thus to render. The greatest possible care has been taken in the administration of this trust.

The Loan Fund now amounts to about \$150,000, on which the rate of interest has been reduced to 6 per cent. In most cases churches seem very appreciative of the aid rendered to them by granting them a loan, and they take ordinary pains to repay both the principal and interest, recognizing that the Loan Fund is a charity, administered for the benefit of the churches; that the interest received from it is added to the principal to be loaned to other churches needing help; that while the Fund is administered on business principles to preserve it from depreciation, it is not in any sense a money-making enterprise. Every Dollar of interest, aside from what is necessarily used to meet the expenses of administration, returns to the Church Edifice Fund to be re-loaned and is not consumed by the Society in its ordinary work. We regret to say that there are instances in which churches seem to have an entire misconception of the nature of the Fund and of the spirit and method of its administration, and who become negligent in meeting their obligations, and sometimes disagreeably urgent in asking to be relieved from them. It has also been found occasionally, we are sorry to say, that aid has been received from the Loan Fund on representations which were subsequently found to be inaccurate and misleading, showing a lack of knowledge of business, or a deficiency in moral perception.

The Gift Fund is far too small to meet the urgent demands made upon it. Instead of an annual expenditure of from \$16,000 to \$20,000 there ought to be available at least \$50,000 to meet ordinary cases. The progress of the denomination would be thereby greatly facilitated.

In view of the present condition and prospective needs of this Department, more especially for the procuring of suitable sites and buildings in Porto Rico and Eastern Cuba, we earnestly ask for a large addition to this Gift Fund. It will be impossible for the work in these islands to be prosecuted successfully without this

aid. It is roughly estimated that at least \$50,000 will be required in the immediate future.

PARSONAGES.

There are frequent and urgent appeals made to the Board for assistance in the erection of parsonages. In many of the places where new churches are established in the West rents are high, and it is difficult for the pastor with his small salary to properly shelter his family. A modest parsonage, owned by the church, where the pastor could have a permanent and simple home, without expense, would add greatly to his comfort and his efficiency.

The number of churches aided during the year is 80; by gift only 55; by loan only 12; by gift and loan 13.

The total number of grants from the Loan Fund is 25, and from the Gift Fund is 68.

The location of the churches receiving aid was in the following 25 States, Territories and Provinces.

By Gifts: Alaska, 1; California, 3; Colorado, 2; Florida, 1; Indian Territory, 2; Illinois, 1; Iowa, 3; Kansas, 10; Kentucky, 1; Michigan, 2; Minnesota, 5; Missouri, 1; Montana, 1; Manitoba, 1; Maine, 1; Nebraska, 3; North Dakota, 3; Oklahoma Territory, 9; Ontario, 1; Oregon, 5; South Dakota, 3; Virginia, 1; Washington, 4; West Virginia, 3; Wyoming, 1.

By Loans: California, 1; Iowa, 3; Kansas, 6; Minnesota, 2; Michigan, 2; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 1; Oregon, 2; Oklahoma, 3; South Dakota, 1; Washington, 3.

The nationalities aided by Gifts are as follows: American, 52; Scandinavian, 3; Germans, 4; Chinese, 1; French, 1; Indian, 2; Colored, 5.

The nationalities aided by Loans are as follows: American, 20; Colored, 4; Scandinavians, 1.

The whole number of churches aided, 1920. Of these 1583 have been aided in the past eighteen years.

The following table shows the number of churches, actually assisted during the past eighteen years:

YEAR.	NUMBER.	BY GIFT ONLY.	BY LOAN ONLY.	BY GIFT AND LOAN.
1881-2	66	56	10	..
1882-3	97	66	18	13
1883-4	107	68	13	26
1884-5	113	61	39	13
1885-6	62	23	36	3
1886-7	62	29	29	4
1887-8	88	46	22	20
1888-9	70	33	20	17
1889-90	87	54	16	17
1890-1	88	58	14	16
1891-2	121	66	20	35
1892-3	110	72	12	26
1893-4	84	63	5	16
1894-5	89	68	12	9
1895-6	93	54	22	17
1896-7	79	57	10	12
1897-8	85	59	16	10
1898-9	80	55	12	13

LOAN FUND STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1898-99.

Receipts from interest on loans.....	\$6,926 37
Receipts from loans repaid.....	11,681 60
Receipts from contributions.....	331 41
Receipts from interest on deposits.....	66 10

Total	\$19,005 48
Principal of Loan Fund.....	\$153,573 11
Aggregate of loans to twenty-five churches.....	14,075 00
Average to each church.....	563 00

Twenty churches have paid their loans during the year past. The number of outstanding loans is 305.

GIFT FUND STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1898-99.

Receipts for this Fund have been as follows:

Contributions	\$3,817 74
Legacies	1,000 00
Income from permanent funds.....	8,309 19
Income from real estate.....	882 08
Gifts returned by churches.....	607 96
Total	\$14,616 97

Aggregate amount of gifts to sixty-eight churches.....	\$18,315 04
An average to each church of.....	269 33

IV. EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

By reference to the report of the Superintendent it will be seen that the Educational Work carried on by the Society during the past year has been, on the whole, very satisfactory. These schools are slowly working a radical revolution in the status of the vast body of Negroes for whom they were established, and are also exerting a wholesome influence upon the entire educational system of the South. During the year special efforts have been made to carry into practical effect the suggestions made by the Committee appointed at Asbury Park to investigate the school-work of the Society, which was printed in the minutes of the Anniversary of 1897. There are seven great strategic centers, *viz.*: Richmond, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., Nashville, Tenn., Jackson, Miss., and Marshall, Texas, where there are being developed strong institutions.

In order to provide suitable accommodations at Richmond, Va., for the Theological Seminary and for Wayland College—which is to be removed from Washington, D. C.—an admirable site has been purchased and buildings are now in process of erection. By a fortunate circumstance native Virginia granite quarried nearby has been found available as material, and will give to the buildings an impressiveness and durability greatly to be desired. It is expected that the principal part of the cost of the ground and buildings will be met by the sale of the school property at Washington and Richmond. One of the buildings is to be a memorial to the late Dea. Martin E. Gray, and known as “Martin E. Gray Hall,” to be paid for out of money specially contributed by him to the Society and designated for that purpose.

Another will bear the name of “Coburn Hall,” in memory of the late Governor Abner Coburn of Maine, whose great legacy of \$250,000, was the largest ever received by the Society. A third will bear the name of “Kingsley Hall,” in honor of an Ex-President of the Society, who, in addition to liberal annual gifts, has

lately paid into the treasury \$25,000. A fourth will bear the name of "Pickford Hall," in honor of the services of a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Theological Seminary and of the liberal gifts from his widow. Special recognition is due to the interest and sympathy of Mr. Byron E. Huntley whose liberal benefactions for the development of the University have been most heartily welcome.

In order to fully complete the group of buildings, such as the school will inevitably require in the immediate future, an additional sum of \$40,000 or \$50,000 will be very helpful and it is hoped that some large-minded, liberal givers, may be found who will appreciate the greatness and significance of this educational work sufficiently to furnish this money.

The extensive and much-needed improvements in the equipment of the college at Atlanta have been made out of funds given to the college from the estate of the late Josiah Cook.

By the foresight and liberality of the late Bathsheba A. Benedict of Pawtucket, R. I., the college at Columbia, S. C., in addition to its beautiful campus and admirable group of buildings, has an endowment fund of not less than \$120,000, the income of which, while not adequate by any means, will provide fairly well for the present expenses of the school. Thus, after more than thirty years we are glad to be able to announce the practical endowment of one of our great schools.

It cannot be too strongly urged upon the attention of the denomination that these schools in the South need a permanent endowment quite as much as similar institutions in the North. So long as they are dependent for support upon the fluctuating receipts of a missionary society their very existence is imperiled, and their efficiency necessarily limited and hindered. We earnestly appeal to those who believe in the efficacy of Christian education in the development of religious life, in the spread of Christ's Kingdom, in the preparation of a vast multitude for right living and in promoting the stability of republican institutions to remember this educational work and either by direct gifts or by contributions on the annuity plan, or by legacies, to provide for its enlargement and its endowment.

REPORT OF

M. MACVICAR, LL.D., SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

In a brief survey of the educational work of the Society, such as can be given in this report, only a few of the most important features can be mentioned. It may be stated, in general, that the schools supported entirely or helped by our Society, have never done better work than has been done during the year about to close. Teachers and students have devoted themselves with great fidelity and earnestness to the tasks assigned them. A marked advance is also noticeable in the class of students entering the schools for the first time. They are better prepared than heretofore to pursue higher studies, thus showing a decided improvement in the work done in the elementary schools, both public and private.

Gradually the Higher Institutions are acquiring better facilities for work. They are now under the leadership of earnest, progressive Presidents, who are unwilling to rest satisfied with anything short of making the schools thoroughly modern in methods of instruction, appliances, and management. Their efforts in this respect, if generously supplied with the necessary means to carry into effect their present plans, will in a few years enable the schools to do as fine work as is done in the best white schools, either North or South.

Improvements in the Secondary Schools are not as marked as in the higher. They are laboring under much greater disadvantages. They receive comparatively little help from our Society, and, although under the entire control of the Negro Boards of Trustees, the Negro churches fail to give them anything like an adequate financial support. This, in part, may be due to the poverty of these churches; yet, without question, it is due, in large measure, in most cases, to the want of a proper appreciation of the needs of the schools, and of the important work they are doing for the race. In view of these conditions, great credit is due to the Principals and Teachers of these schools, for the self-sacrificing and earnest efforts they are putting forth to make the schools efficient, and worthy of the confidence and patronage of their people. Both Principals and Teachers are very poorly remunerated for their services. Indeed, in many cases, they are living on starvation salaries, and, as a matter of course, cannot give to their special work their entire attention and strength. It is to be hoped, however, that in the near future the Negro churches will wake up to a full appreciation of the responsibility resting upon them in this matter, and will generously provide the necessary financial support to place the schools upon a successful working basis.

PRESSING NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

During the earlier stages of the work, the buildings and other appli-

ances provided were well adapted to the conditions then existing. In most cases, however, they are now very inadequate to meet present demands. During the past thirty-five years educational requirements and methods have undergone radical changes, which require improved facilities for effective work. The academic and college curricula of the past do not meet the requirements of the present. In a thoroughly practical course of study the Latin and Greek, which in the past received the lion's share of the time of the students pursuing these subjects, must be minimized and take a second place. The study of the natural sciences, of the English language, of literature, and of history must now be made specially prominent and receive marked attention. In these respects the schools of the Society, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee appointed at the May meetings, at Asbury Park, are endeavoring to keep abreast of the times. Difficulties are met in this endeavor which will take time and persistent effort to overcome. Among these are defective class-rooms, and the absence of working laboratories, which make impossible the introduction, in the higher schools, of laboratory and seminary methods of instruction. There is also a great defect in the supply of books of reference and reading material on the sciences, literature, history, and other subjects. Until these defects are reasonably removed teachers and students must labor under great disadvantages in doing their work.

A good beginning is now made in meeting these pressing needs in connection with Spelman Seminary and Atlanta Baptist College. Last Summer a plain, but thoroughly modern, college building was erected, in which students of both institutions are instructed together in the higher subjects. Excellent class-rooms, a science lecture-room, and a separate practising-laboratory for physics, chemistry, and biology, are provided. A fair beginning has also been made in providing a working-library and in supplying the three laboratories with practical apparatus. It is hoped that in a short time, through the help of special friends of these institutions, the equipment in these respects will be made very complete.

The fine group of granite buildings, now in course of erection, at Richmond, Va., will give to Wayland College and Richmond Theological Seminary excellent accommodations for their work. The Dormitory Hall, the Dining Hall, the Chapel, and Library Hall, and the Lecture Hall have been planned with strict reference to the work for which each is intended. The Lecture Hall, in which provision is made for the co-instruction, in higher subjects, of the students of Hartshorn Memorial College and Wayland College, is devoted exclusively to class-rooms and working laboratories. The laboratories will be provided with all necessary appliances for successful science work. When these buildings are ready to be occupied and the proposed additions are made to the Chapel, class-rooms and

dormitories of Hartshorn Memorial College, the educational plant in Richmond will be very complete. It is now expected that these buildings will be ready for occupancy by the departments of Virginia Union University at the commencement of the next school year.

Bishop College, Marshall, Tex., is the next best equipped of the Society's institutions. It has one of the best industrial plants connected with any of the schools for Negroes in the South. It has, also, in Morehouse Hall, a good chapel and a limited number of good classrooms. The provision, however, for working laboratories is defective. When the building was erected, two wings, which were a part of the original plan, had to be left out for lack of funds. Should these be added at some future time, the College will then have superior accommodations for class-rooms and laboratories. In the meantime, however, it is very important, in the interests of the work of the College, that some of the rooms in the present building be fitted up for science work. Friends of the College should not fail to provide in the near future, the funds necessary to make this greatly needed improvement.

The other Higher Institutions, maintained entirely by the Society, namely, Shaw University, Benedict College, Roger Williams University, and Jackson College, are very much in need of enlarged accommodations to provide for increased attendance and to give the necessary conveniences and appliances for successful work. Benedict College is greatly in need of a dormitory for girls, in which some provision should be made for class-rooms and laboratories. Shaw, Roger Williams, and Benedict should each have, in the near future, a building erected, containing modern conveniences, and devoted exclusively to class instruction. Shaw and Roger Williams, especially, are suffering greatly for the want of such a building. They are both in sharp competition with other institutions possessing better facilities than they have for higher work. The provision in all of these schools for science-teaching and for class-room instruction is defective; yet, notwithstanding these defects, good work has been done, as is evident from the character of their graduates and large attendance of students. This speaks well of the instruction given by the earnest and efficient teachers in these schools.

The higher institutions under the entire control of Negro Boards of Trustees, viz., Alabama Colored Baptist University, Selma, Alabama, State University, Louisville, Kentucky, and Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas, are greatly in need of additional dormitories, class-rooms, and laboratories. Indeed, without improvements in these directions, and also an increased teaching force it will be very difficult for them to give to their students reasonably good advantages in higher work. The teachers in these schools are faithfully struggling to main-

tain a college course and a high standard of scholarship; but this they find about impossible, under existing conditions. The Presidents are badly crippled in their effort in this respect for want of a sufficient teaching staff, building accommodations, and other appliances.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The policy of the Society from the commencement of its work among the colored people has been to provide for them chiefly reasonably educated ministers and teachers. This policy has at no time been more consistently carried out than at the present time. All students attending the Society's schools are instructed in the Bible as in other subjects. Special classes are also organized, in which elementary instruction is given to pastors and others preparing for the ministry in Bible doctrines, preparation of sermons, church organization, and duties and qualifications of ministers, as given in the Acts of the Apostles, and Paul's Epistles to Timothy and Titus. This elementary work has been of untold benefit to a very large number of the older men in the ministry, but the time has come, in consequence of the educational progress of the last thirty years, when a more advanced course of theological instruction is an imperative necessity. The Executive Board has, therefore, wisely provided that hereafter instruction will be given at Shaw University, Benedict College, Atlanta Baptist College, Roger Williams University, and Bishop College, in a full English theological course, the same as is given in the Northern theological seminaries and in the Seminary at Richmond. Instruction in Greek and Hebrew exegesis will be given to such as are preparing for that work at the Richmond Theological Seminary only.

NEW ERA INSTITUTES OR BIBLE-SCHOOLS.

While the schools, as will be seen from the above, are greatly increasing their facilities for the training of ministers, the provision made is still very inadequate to reach the pastors of about one million six hundred thousand church members. These pastors number about ten thousand, and have charge of about fifteen thousand organized churches. A large proportion of them have never had any educational advantages. The scanty means of many of them, and other conditions, over which they have no control, make it impossible for them to attend our schools, even for a short time. These, and their number is very large, must be reached, if at all, by bringing instruction where they can get the benefit of it with but little effort and expense on their part. This is now successfully done through the agency of what is known as the New Era Institute or Bible School. These Institutes were first organized in North Carolina, in January, 1897, and are now in successful operation in six Southern States, and have been formally adopted by three other States, where it is hoped active work will be commenced in the near future.

New Era Institute work was not commenced in Georgia until January 1, 1899. Coöperation was delayed on account of the existence in the State of two opposing State Conventions, until the founding of the Negro Baptist Education Society. This took place at Macon, Ga., February 16, 1898. The Society was organized by one of the largest and most representative Conventions that has ever assembled in Georgia. When organized it entered at once into coöperation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society in missionary educational work. This opened the way for the bodies coöperating in other States to enter into coöperative relations with the Negro Baptist Education Society, which was consummated in October, 1898, and active work commenced January 1, 1899. The Coöperating Bodies in Georgia employ in their work a General Educational Missionary, who has the general charge of the entire State, and three District Missionaries. In addition to these four the coöperating bodies employ, also, and pay the salary of a Theological Instructor, who gives six months of his time in teaching theology in Atlanta Baptist College, and four months in New Era Institute work.

WORKING PROGRAMME OF THE INSTITUTES.

The Institutes are held at central points, where a large number of pastors, deacons, and others, interested in Bible study, can attend, without inconvenience, and but little, if any, expense. The aim of each Institute is to render needed and efficient help to pastors, by discussing with them practical methods of studying the English Bible, the preparation and delivery of sermons, and the best methods of organizing and successfully conducting other departments of church work. The following is the usual order of daily exercise furnished in each Institute:

1. The forenoon of each day is given to special Bible study, accompanied by a half-hour lecture and discussion by members of the Institute on selected topics, such as the following:

- (a) Evidences of conversion as presented in the Scriptures, including the changed disposition and tastes, and growth in grace and knowledge.

- (b) Christian stewardship in the use of money, and the sin of the misuse of funds given to the Lord.

- (c) Loving obedience to Christ, or how love and law are related to each other in the Gospel.

- (d) The value of good books to a minister: to give information; to stimulate thought; to cultivate the correct use of language; to give breadth of view, etc.

2. The afternoon of each day is given to special preparation for the pulpit. This includes the selection and analysis of texts, the preparation and delivery of sermons, and the reading of Scripture and hymns. Members of the Institute submit, in writing, outlines of sermons, which are

read and discussed. This work is also accompanied by a half-hour lecture and discussion by members of the Institute on selected topics, such as the following:

(a) The qualifications, duties, and obligations of ministers, as presented in the First Epistle of Paul to Timothy.

(b) The Scriptural view of a Christian home; its power and influence in forming character.

(c) The organization and conduct of every department of church work, business meetings, prayer-meetings, pastoral visitations, and Sunday-school work.

3. A night session is held at the close of the day, at which half-hour lectures are usually delivered, on selected topics, and discussed by members of the Institute, such as the following:

(a) Mission work in Cuba and Porto Rico; its needs and present opportunities.

(b) The Home Mission work of the Coöperating Bodies in the State and elsewhere.

(c) The kind and degree of education needed now, and for the coming generation, by the colored people.

(d) The Baptist schools for the colored Baptists of the State; their origin, aims, and work.

The time given to each Institute varies from three days to two weeks.

THEOLOGICAL READING COURSE.

In Georgia the Institute work is supplemented by a three-years' course of theological reading. In connection with the Institutes, or at some convenient time, an oral or written examination is given to such pastors, and others, as complete one or more of the subjects of the course, and a card certifying to having passed the required tests is given by the Institute conductors. When a card of this kind is secured for every subject of the course, a certificate is given, certifying this fact, signed by the Corresponding Secretaries of the four Coöperating Bodies.

The Theological Course prescribed, subject to modifications, is as follows:

1. *FIRST YEAR.—Bible Reading.*—The Gospel of Luke, the Acts of the Apostles, and the First Epistle of Paul to Timothy. These books are to be read and studied in connection with the analysis given of each, in "Bible Study by Books," by Rev. Henry T. Sell.

2. *Preparation of Sermons.*—The first twelve chapters of "The Making of the Sermon," by Prof. T. Harwood Pattison, D. D., of the Rochester Theological Seminary.

3. *Baptist History.*—"A Short History of the Baptists," by Rev. Henry C. Vedder, Professor of Church History, in Crozer Theological Seminary.

4. *Supplementary Reading*.—The “Supplemental Bible Studies,” by Rev. Henry T. Sell; the first fourteen chapters.

1. *SECOND YEAR.—Bible Reading*.—First and Second Samuel; the Gospel of St. Matthew; the Epistles of Paul to the Galatians and to the Ephesians. These two Epistles are to be studied doctrinally.

2. *Preparation of Sermons*.—The last eleven chapters of “The Making of the Sermon,” by Prof. T. Harwood Pattison, D.D.

3. *Doctrinal Reading*.—“Bible Study by Doctrines,” by Rev. Henry T. Sell. In reading this book the Bible references given are to be carefully considered, and the outline of topics in each chapter fixed in the memory.

4. *Supplementary Reading*.—The “Supplemental Bible Study,” by Rev. Henry T. Sell, the last ten chapters.

1. *THIRD YEAR.—Bible Reading*.—The Book of Proverbs; the Prophecy of Isaiah; the Prophecy of Zechariah; the Epistle to the Hebrews; and the Book of Leviticus.

2. *Theological Reading*.—“Christian Doctrines,” by Rev. J. M. Pendleton, D.D.

3. *Pastoral Theology*.—“The Pastor,” by H. Harvey, D.D.; “How to Be a Pastor,” by Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

4. *Church Organization*.—“The Church,” by H. Harvey, D.D.

MINISTERS' LIBRARY.

A large proportion of the ministers in the rural districts of the State, and some in the cities, are almost entirely destitute of reading matter. To remedy this condition, and help ministers pursuing the foregoing Bible Reading Course, arrangements have been made to furnish a Ministers' Library, of ten volumes, for \$5.00, which simply covers the cost of the books. The Library consists of the following: Oxford Teachers' Reference Bible; Cruden's Unabridged Concordance; Smith's Bible Dictionary, one volume, large size; Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown's “Practical Commentary,” in two volumes; “Topical Text-Book”; “Short History of the Baptists,” by Prof. Henry C. Vedder; and “Bible Study by Books,” “Bible Study by Doctrines,” and “Supplemental Bible Study,” by Rev. Henry T. Sell.

A more helpful and generous thing cannot possibly be done for thousands of pastors, who are practically without any books to help in their work than to present them with this Ministers' Library.

The following are the details of the financial and other matters pertaining to the schools, as given in the Reports for the School Year, 1897-98.

HIGHER SCHOOLS FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

Atlanta Baptist College, founded originally at Augusta, Ga., 1867, transferred to Atlanta, incorporated 1879; charter amended 1897, changing

the name to Atlanta Baptist College and giving the power of granting degrees; Rev. George Sale, President, 1890; teachers employed, white 6, colored 6; present estimated value of property, \$109,000; no incumbrance; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$1005.00; receipts, from Slater Fund \$1100.00, from tuition \$530.12, board \$3161.47, white churches and individuals \$604.60, colored churches and individuals \$194.07, old accounts \$152.99, sources not included in classified accounts \$3078.10, total receipts \$8821.35; expenditures, for school supplies \$376.60, boarding department \$1714.53, improvements and repairs \$1762, gratuities \$476.32, salaries \$6000, sundries not included in classified accounts \$1421.72, total expenditures \$11,751.79; appropriations, by the Society \$4900, Slater Board \$1100, total appropriations \$6000; enrolment, males, 146; average attendance, day students 40, boarders 50, general average 90; preparing for college, 37; pursuing college course, 7; preparing to teach, 51; preparing for the ministry, 38; pursuing minister's course, 17; receiving gratuity, 29; conversions, 1; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$66.66; for school supplies \$4.18; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$34.29; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$110.99.

Alabama Colored Baptist University, founded at Selma, Ala., 1878, incorporated 1878; Rev. C. S. Dinkins, D.D., President, 1893; teachers employed, white 2, colored 8; present estimated value of property, \$27,050; no incumbrance; floating debts, \$365.60; endowment fund \$....; receipts, balance in hand from previous year \$21.48, from tuition \$645.45, board \$2091.60, white churches and individuals \$96.05, colored churches and individuals \$1805.08, old accounts \$177.75, sources not included in classified accounts \$35.15, total receipts \$4872.56; expenditures, for school supplies \$133.70, boarding department \$1176.69, improvements and repairs \$102.49, students' labor \$264.88, gratuities \$112.50; salaries \$3013.71, sundries not included in classified accounts, \$1293.23, total expenditures, \$6097.20; appropriations, by the Society \$1000, by Women's Society, Chicago, \$360, by the Trustees \$1653.71, total appropriations \$3013.71; enrolment, males 111, females 129, total 240; average attendance, day students 115, boarders 37, general average 152; preparing for college, 1; pursuing college course, 5; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 67; preparing to teach, 104; preparing for the ministry, 15; conversions, 11; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$19.82; for school supplies only, \$.88; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$31.80; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$39.43.

Arkansas Baptist College, founded at Little Rock, Ark., 1887, incorporated 1885; Rev. Joseph A. Booker, President, 1889; teachers employed, white 1, colored 4; present estimated value of property, \$23,950; incumbrance, \$5000; floating debts, \$300; endowment fund, \$.....; receipts

from tuition \$560.80, white churches and individuals \$200, colored churches and individuals \$2190.45, old accounts \$14.00, total receipts \$2965.25; expenditures, for school supplies \$40.30, improvements and repairs \$18.90, students' labor \$106.62, salaries \$2378.95, sundries not included in classified accounts \$578.01, total expenditures \$3122.78; appropriations, by the Society \$600, by Woman's Society of Boston \$400, by Women's Society, Chicago, \$120, by the Trustees \$1258.95, total appropriations \$2378.95; enrolment, males 90, females 78, total 168; average attendance, boarders 90, general average 90; preparing for college, 25; pursuing college course, 6; preparing to teach, 40; preparing for the ministry, 11; pursuing minister's course, 11; receiving gratuity, 26; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$26.43; for school supplies only \$.44; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$.; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$34.49.

Benedict College, founded at Columbia, S. C., 1870, incorporated 1895; Rev. A. C. Osborn, D.D., 1895; teachers employed, white 9, colored 3; present estimated value of property, \$76,000; no incumbrances; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$56,937.60; receipts, balance on hand from previous year \$1915.24, from tuition \$1278.18, board \$6380.05, white churches and individuals \$351.22, colored churches and individuals \$1349.82, old accounts \$255.41, sources not included in classified accounts \$943.11, total receipts \$12,473.03; expenditures, for school supplies \$439.49, boarding department \$4424.56, improvement and repairs \$1304.49, students' labor \$1333.97, salaries \$6046.50, sundries not included in classified accounts \$1608.46, total expenditures \$15,157.47; appropriations, by the Society \$5300, by Women's Society of Chicago \$360, by the Trustees \$386.50, total appropriations \$6046.50; enrolment, males 93, females 159, total 252; average attendance, day students 48, boarders 121, general average 169; preparing for college, 23; pursuing college course, 6; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 169; preparing to teach, 108; preparing for the ministry, 24; pursuing minister's course, 24; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$35.77; average supplies only, \$2.60; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$36.57; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$81.97.

Bishop College, founded at Marshall, Tex., 1881, incorporated 1885; Rev. N. Wolverton, President, 1891; teachers employed, white 9, colored 4; present estimated value of property, \$100,100; no incumbrance; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$.; receipts, from tuition \$2-444.30, Slater Fund \$1000, board \$6695.12, white churches and individuals \$20, colored churches and individuals \$153.61, old accounts \$111.14, sources not included in classified accounts \$386.38, total receipts \$10,810.55; expenditures, for school supplies \$1608.86; boarding department \$5022.77,

improvements and repairs \$2054.76, gratuities \$127.25, salaries \$6960, sundries not included in classified accounts \$187.73, total expenditures \$15,961.37; appropriations, by the Society \$5600, by Slater Board \$1000, by Women's Society of Chicago \$360, total appropriations \$6960; enrolment, males 187, females 163, total 350; average attendance, day students 121, boarders 134, general average 255; preparing for college, 29; pursuing college course, 7; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 333; preparing to teach, 99; preparing for the ministry, 23; pursuing minister's course, 3; receiving gratuity, 24; conversions, 20; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$27.29; for school supplies only \$6.30; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$37.48; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$54.53.

Hartshorn Memorial College (for females only), founded at Richmond, Va., 1884, incorporated 1884; Rev. L. B. Tefft, D.D., President, 1884; teachers employed, white 7, colored 2; present estimated value of property, \$53,050; no incumbrance; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$.....; receipts, balance from previous year, \$1356.60; from tuition \$501.80; board \$2824.73, white churches and individuals \$1171.49, colored churches and individuals \$142.21, old accounts \$312.00, sources not included in classified accounts \$324.19, total receipts \$6633.02; expenditures, for school supplies \$233.23, boarding department \$2035.58, improvements and repairs \$421.98, gratuities \$261.66, salaries \$4462.24, sundries not included in classified accounts \$605.07, total expenditures \$7569.76; appropriations, by the Society \$1200, by Woman's Society, Boston, \$1700, by Woman's Society of Michigan, \$450; by Trustees, \$1112.24, total appropriations \$4462.24; enrolment, males 2, females 89, total 91; average attendance, day students 20, boarders 55, general average 75; preparing for college, 4; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 77; preparing to teach, 46; receiving gratuity, 9; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$53.49; for school supplies only, \$3.11; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$37.01; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$95.30.

Jackson College, founded at Natchez, Miss., 1877; transferred to Jackson, Miss., 1884; Rev. L. G. Barrett, President, 1894; teachers employed, white 7, colored 3; present estimated value of property, \$27,359; no incumbrance; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$476.25; receipts, balance from previous year \$95.15, from tuition \$592.14, board \$2683.06, white churches and individuals \$331.75, colored churches and individuals \$122.40, old accounts \$119.15, sources not included in classified accounts \$112.17, total receipts \$4055.82; expenditures, for school supplies \$174.53, boarding department \$1218.06, improvements and repairs \$875.36,

students' labor \$4.50, gratuities \$138.25, salaries \$4668.00, sundries not included in classified accounts \$381.98, total expenditures \$7460.68; appropriations, by the Society \$3775, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$800, by the Trustees \$93, total appropriations \$4668; enrolment, males 57, females 65, total 122; average attendance, day students 21, boarders 65, general average 86; preparing to teach, 33; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 60; preparing for the ministry, 13; receiving gratuity, 30; conversions, 4; average cost per pupil for instruction only \$54.27; for school supplies only, \$2.03; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$18.74; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$76.57.

Richmond Theological Seminary, founded at Richmond, Va., 1867; incorporated 1876; Rev. Charles H. Corey, D.D., President, 1868; teachers employed, white 1, colored 3; present estimated value of property, \$40,000; no incumbrance; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$65,348.91; building fund, \$.....; receipts, balance in hand from previous year \$900.04, from tuition \$376, from board \$1412, white churches and individuals \$1070, colored churches and individuals \$13.75, sources not included in classified accounts \$1711.01, total receipts \$5482.80; expenditures, for school supplies \$304.96, boarding department \$1399.20, improvements and repairs \$110.07, gratuities \$1180.50, salaries \$4513.00, sundries not included in classified accounts \$1401.75, total expenditures \$8909.48; appropriations, by the Society \$4450, by the Trustees \$63, total appropriations \$4513; enrolment, males 59; average attendance, day students 18, boarders 28, general average 46; pursuing a full theological course, 59; minister's course, 59; receiving gratuity, 43; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$98.10; for school supplies only, \$6.63; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$49.97; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$191.29.

Roger Williams University, founded at Nashville, Tenn., 1864, incorporated 1883; Rev. Owen James, D.D., 1895; teachers employed, white 10, colored 4; present estimated value of property, \$205,000; no incumbrance; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$4550.96; receipts, balance from previous year \$55.01, from tuition \$1350.90, board \$5619.14; white churches and individuals \$61.80, colored churches and individuals \$63.26, old accounts \$1045.92, sources not included in classified accounts \$450.73, total receipts \$8646.76; expenditures, for school supplies \$395.21, boarding department \$4602.66, improvements and repairs \$970.05, students' labor \$528.02, gratuities \$393.31, salaries \$6560, sundries not included in classified accounts \$839.22; total expenditures \$13,608.47; appropriations, by the Society \$5800, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$400, by the Women's Society of Chicago \$360, total appropriations \$6560; enrolment, males 136, females 84, total

220; average attendance, day students 79, boarders 87, general average 166; preparing for college 46, pursuing college course, 21; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 48; preparing to teach, 56; preparing for the ministry, 21; pursuing minister's course, 3; receiving gratuity, 47; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$39.51; for school supplies only, \$2.38; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$52.90; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$79.59.

Shaw University, founded at Raleigh, N. C., 1865, incorporated 1875; Prof. Charles F. Meserve, President, 1893; teachers employed, white 17, colored 7; present estimated value of property, \$90,000; incumbrance, \$1500; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$938.02; receipts, balance on hand \$376.43, from tuition \$3192.61, board \$7728, white churches and individuals \$1330.33, colored churches and individuals \$336.57, old accounts \$246.90, sources not included in the classified accounts \$208, Slater Board \$2500, total receipts \$15,918.84; expenditures, for school supplies \$478.33, boarding department \$5048.15, improvements and repairs \$1592.86, gratuities \$175.61; students' labor \$255.50, salaries \$16,621.65, sundries not included in classified accounts \$1526.74, total expenditures \$25,698.84; appropriations, by the Society \$7280, Slater Board \$2500, Women's Society, Chicago, \$740, by Trustees \$6101.65, total appropriations \$16,621.65; enrolment, males 178, females 174, total 352; average attendance, day students 77, boarders 160, general average 237; preparing for college, 39; pursuing college course, 24; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 174; preparing to teach, 170; preparing for the ministry, 16; pursuing missionary training course, 12; receiving gratuity, 14; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$70.13; for school supplies only, \$2.01; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$31.55; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$101.71.

Spelman Seminary (for females only), founded at Atlanta, Ga., 1881; incorporated 1888; Miss S. B. Packard and Miss H. E. Giles, Associate Principals, 1881-'91; Miss H. E. Giles, President, 1891; Miss L. H. Upton, Dean, 1891; teachers employed, white 36, colored 3; present estimated value of property, \$162,500; encumbrance, \$350.37; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$5820.00; receipts, from tuition \$2085.92, board \$9825.29, white churches and individuals \$1892.59, colored churches and individuals \$193.39, old accounts \$947.77, sources not included in classified accounts \$2566.51, Slater Board \$3900, total receipts \$21,411.47; expenditures, for school supplies \$1818.83, boarding department \$5911.65, improvements and repairs \$1587.91, students' labor \$64.50, gratuities \$1,536.93, salaries \$20,581.90, sundries not included in classified accounts \$1908.67, total expenditures \$33,410.39; appropriations, by Woman's Society, Boston, \$7500, by Slater Board \$3900, by special friends \$9181.90,

total appropriations \$20,581.90; enrolment, females 451; average attendance, day students 133, boarders 192, general average 325; preparing for college, 8; pursuing college course, 2; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 275; preparing to teach, 175; pursuing missionary training course, 3; pursuing nurse-training course, 30; receiving gratuity, 90; conversions, 26; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$63.30; for school supplies only, \$5.59; for boarding, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$30.78; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$97.91.

State University, founded at Louisville, Ky., 1873; incorporated 1873; Rev. C. L. Purce, D.D., President, 1894; teachers employed, white 2, colored 7; present estimated value of property, \$26,200; incumbrance, \$7800, floating debts \$2000; endowment fund, \$.; receipts, from tuition \$857.35, board \$874.80; white churches and individuals \$1405.00, colored churches and individuals \$1762.22, old accounts \$102.75, sources not included in classified accounts \$706.65, total receipts \$5708.77; expenditures, for school supplies \$390.70, boarding department \$1172.12, improvements and repairs \$98.95, salaries \$3167.22, sundries not included in classified accounts \$1436.68, total expenditures \$6265.77; appropriations, by the Society \$600, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$400, by the Women's Society of Chicago \$360, by the Trustees \$1807.22, total appropriations \$3167.22; enrolment, males 109, females 32, total 141; average attendance, day students 80, boarders 26, general average 106; preparing for college, 40; pursuing college course, 12; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 20; preparing to teach, 40; preparing for the ministry, 20; pursuing minister's course, 5; conversions, 8; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$29.88; for school supplies only, \$3.68; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$45.08; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$58.17.

Wayland Seminary, founded at Washington, D. C., 1865; Rev. G. R. Hovey, 1897; teachers employed, white 6, colored 6; present estimated value of property, \$66,260; no incumbrance; no floating debts; endowment fund, \$21,690.03; receipts, tuition \$457, board \$3355.05, white churches and individuals \$768.90, colored churches and individuals \$80.25, old accounts \$443.65, sources not included in classified accounts \$217.93, total receipts \$5323.38; expenditures, for school supplies \$274.26, boarding department \$3081.44, improvements and repairs \$309.45, students' labor \$705.97, salaries \$5227.50, sundries not included in classified accounts \$319.13, total expenditures \$9917.75; appropriations, by the Society \$4467.50, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$360, by the Women's Society of Chicago \$360, Trustees \$40, total appropriations \$5227.50; enrolment, males 79, females 62, total 141; average at-

tendance, day students 44, boarders 65, general average 109; preparing for college, 20; pursuing college course, 3; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 22; preparing to teach, 53; preparing for the ministry, 33; pursuing minister's course, 15; receiving gratuity, 12; conversions, 8; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$47.95; for school supplies only, \$2.51; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$47.09; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$88.15.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

Bible and Normal Institute, founded at Memphis, Tenn., incorporated 1887; Prof. N. H. Pius, 1896; teachers employed, white 1, colored 5; present estimated value of property, \$18,000.00; incumbrance, \$10,000.00; floating debts not reported; receipts, from tuition \$715.97, board \$57.51, colored churches and individuals \$293.23, old accounts \$21.10, total receipts \$1087.81; expenditures, for school supplies \$275.69, boarding department \$54.70, improvements and repairs \$219.55, salaries \$1390.10, sundries not included in classified accounts \$18.20, total expenditures \$1958.24; appropriations, by the Society \$800, by Trustees \$590.10, total appropriations \$1390.10; enrolment, males 85, females 90, total 175; average attendance, day pupils 96, boarders 2, general average 98; preparing to teach, 35; preparing for the ministry, 19; pursuing minister's course, 15; receiving gratuity, 8; pursuing missionary training course, 30; conversions, 4; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$14.18; for school supplies only, \$2.81; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$27.35; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$17.74.

Florida Baptist Academy, founded at Jacksonville, Fla., 1892, incorporated 1892; Prof. N. W. Collier, 1896; teachers employed, colored 9; present estimated value of property, \$8100; no incumbrance; floating debts, \$2567.11; receipts, from tuition, \$540.90, board \$727.35, white churches and individuals \$47.15, colored churches and individuals \$1166.21, old accounts \$60.95, sources not included in classified accounts \$608.90, total receipts \$3151.46; expenditures, for school supplies \$51.84, boarding department \$1051.79, improvements and repairs \$105.38, students' labor \$189.25, gratuities \$68.75, salaries \$1951.55, sundries not included in classified accounts \$732.90, total expenditures \$4151.46; appropriations, by the Society \$500, by the Trustees \$1451.55, total appropriations \$1951.55; enrolment, males 68, females 88, total 156; average attendance, of day pupils 80, boarders 29, general average 109; preparing for college, 7; pursuing college course, 6; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 29; preparing to teach, 54; preparing for the ministry, 2; minister's course, 2; receiving gratuity, 12; conversions,

28; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$17.90; for school supplies only, \$.47; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$36.26; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$37.12.

Florida Institute, founded at Live Oak, Fla., 1876; incorporated 1876; Rev. G. P. McKinney, Principal, 1892; teachers employed, colored 6; present estimated value of property, \$11,170; no incumbrance; floating debts, \$850; receipts, from tuition \$418.05, board \$1113.27, white churches and individuals \$.50, colored churches and individuals \$1604.51, old accounts \$210.55, sources not included in classified accounts \$22.19, total receipts \$3369.07; expenditures, for school supplies \$64.69, boarding department \$990.98, improvements and repairs \$291.46, students' labor \$47.50, gratuities \$35, salaries \$2122.85, sundries not included in classified accounts \$312.63, total expenditures \$3865.11; appropriations, by the Society \$500, by the Trustees \$1622.85, total appropriations \$2122.85; enrolment, males 56, females 68, total 124; average attendance, day pupils 48, boarders 21, general average 69; pursuing college course, 14; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 23; preparing to teach, 21; preparing for the ministry, 6; receiving gratuities, 4; conversions, 19; average cost per pupil for instruction only \$30.76; for school supplies only, \$.93; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$47.19; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$51.79.

Coleman Academy, founded at Gibsland, La.; incorporated 1887; Prof. O. L. Coleman, Principal, 1890; teachers employed, colored 5; present estimated value of property, \$11,700; no incumbrance; floating debts, \$200; receipts, from tuition \$529.48, board \$773.20, white churches and individuals \$1007, colored churches and individuals \$325.60, old accounts \$60.70, total receipts \$2695.98; expenditures, for school supplies \$13.40, boarding department \$997.60; improvements and repairs \$512.36, students' labor \$255.45, salaries \$2382.43, sundries not included in classified accounts \$792.84, total expenditures \$4954.08; appropriations, by the Society \$500, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$500, by the Trustees \$1382.43, total appropriations \$2382.43, enrolment, males 102, females 99, total 201; average attendance, day pupils 67, boarders 24, general average 91; preparing for college, 33; pursuing college course, 34; preparing to teach, 100; preparing for the ministry, 23; pursuing missionary training course, 10; receiving gratuity, 22; conversions, 12; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$26.17; for school supplies only, \$.14; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$41.56; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$48.88.

*Hearne Academy, founded at Hearne, Tex.; Prof. J. H. Anderson, 1896; teachers employed, colored 6; present estimated value

*Financial Statement made in Annual Report defective.

of property, \$6000; no incumbrance; floating debts \$2400; receipts, white churches and individuals \$100, colored churches and individuals \$506.90; appropriations, by the Society \$500; enrolment, males 34, females 40, total 74; average attendance, day pupils 16, boarders 31, general average 47; preparing for college, 35; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 42; preparing to teach, 35; preparing for the ministry, 2; pursuing minister's course, 2; pursuing missionary training course, 7; receiving gratuity, 31; conversions, 7; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$3; for school supplies only, \$2.10; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$6.80; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$10.90.

Houston Academy, founded at Houston, Tex., 1893; incorporated 1893; Rev. J. H. Garnett, D.D., Principal, 1894; teachers employed, colored 3; present estimated value of property, \$10,000; incumbrance, \$3625; floating debts \$27.25; receipts, balance in hand from previous year \$153.02, from tuition \$329, board \$582.45, colored churches and individuals \$208.20, old accounts \$62, total receipts \$1334.67; expenditures, school supplies \$28.75, boarding department \$472.03, improvements and repairs \$43.80; students' labor \$18.25, gratuities \$101.75, salaries \$760, sundries not included in classified accounts \$556, total expenditures \$1980.58; appropriations, by the Society \$300, by the Woman's Society, Boston, \$200, by the Trustees \$260, total appropriations \$760; enrolment, males 24, females 44, total 68; average attendance, day pupils 26, boarders 13, general average 39; preparing to teach, 5; preparing for the ministry, 2; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 68; receiving gratuity, 30; conversions, 6; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$19.48; for school supplies only, \$.73; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$34.77; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$49.66.

Jeruel Academy, founded at Athens, Ga.; Rev. J. H. Brown, Principal, 1893; teachers employed, colored 5; present estimated value of property, \$7860; no incumbrance; no floating debts; receipts, from tuition \$475.14, board \$847.31, colored churches and individuals \$549.67, old accounts \$131.71, sources not included in classified accounts \$7.25; total receipts \$2011.08; expenditures, for school supplies \$103.58, boarding department \$657.41, improvements and repairs \$273.01, students' labor \$13.50, salaries \$1381.86, sundries not included in classified accounts \$81.72, total expenditures \$2511.08; appropriations, by the Society \$500, by the Trustees \$881.86, total \$1381.86; enrolment, males 93, females 128, total 221; average attendance, day pupils 52, boarders 40, general average 92; preparing to teach, 165; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 80; preparing for the ministry, 9; pursuing nurse-training course, 20; receiving

gratuity, 2; conversions, 5; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$15.02; for school supplies only, \$1.12; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$16.43; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$24.32.

Mather School, founded at Beaufort, S. C., 1869; Mrs. R. C. Mather, Principal, 1869; teachers employed, white 4, colored 2; receipts, from board \$120; colored churches and individuals \$900, sources not included in classified accounts \$80, total receipts \$1100; expenditures, for school supplies \$12, boarding department \$258, improvements and repairs \$50, gratuities \$215, salaries \$700, total expenditures \$1235; appropriations, by the Society \$700; enrolment, males 58, females 96; average attendance, day pupils 57, boarders 26, general average 83; preparing to teach, 7; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 43; receiving gratuity, 47; conversions, 6; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$8.43; for school supplies only, \$1.14; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$9.90; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$14.27.

Spiller Academy, located at Hampton, Va.; was founded by Rev. R. Spiller, and in 1897 became affiliated with the Virginia Union University. Rev. George E. Read, Principal, 1898. Colored teachers, 5; present estimated value of property, \$6950; incumbrance, \$1000; floating debts, \$95.75; receipts, colored churches and individuals \$480; appropriation, by the Society \$500; enrolment of students, males 45, females 56, total 101; average attendance, day pupils 60, boarders 21, general average 81; preparing for college, 37; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 13; preparing to teach, 41; preparing for the ministry, 5; pursuing minister's course, 5; receiving gratuity, 7; conversions, 16; average cost per pupil for instruction, \$12.08; for school supplies, \$13.36; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it, \$6.48; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$20.28.

Virginia Seminary, founded at Lynchburg, Va.; incorporated 1888; Prof. G. W. Hayes, Principal, 1891; teachers employed, colored 13.* Enrolment, males 117, females 147, total 264; average attendance, day pupils 159, boarders 65, general average 224; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 35; preparing to teach, 53; preparing for the ministry, 32; pursuing minister's course, 32; receiving gratuity, 15; conversions, 2; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$9.32; for school supplies only, \$.73; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$26.72; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$25.16.

Walker Institute, founded at Augusta, Ga.; incorporated 1885; Prof.

*The financial statement rendered in the Annual Report of the Seminary, which is here omitted, was referred to the Trustees for correction and has not been returned.

G. A. Goodwin, Principal, 1892; teachers, colored 4; present estimated value of property, \$5000; no incumbrance; floating debts, \$200; receipts, from tuition \$584.15, white churches and individuals \$50.20, colored churches and individuals \$1427.39, old accounts \$24.75; sources not included in classified accounts \$52.25, total receipts \$2138.74; expenditures, for school supplies \$98.93, improvements and repairs \$754.35, gratuities \$181.60, salaries \$1421.53, sundries not included in classified accounts \$182.33, total expenditures \$2638.74, appropriations, by the Society \$500, by the Trustees \$921.53, total \$1421.53; enrolment, males 41, females 80, total 121; average attendance, day pupils 83; preparing for college, 21; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 6; preparing to teach, 78; preparing for the ministry, 5; receiving gratuity, 55; conversions, 10; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$17.12; for school supplies only \$1.19; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$.....; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$22.70.

Waters' Normal Institute, founded at Winton, N. C., incorporated 1887; Rev. C. S. Brown, Principal, 1890; teachers employed, colored 4; present estimated value of property, \$10,630; incumbrance, \$1465; no floating debts; receipts, balance in hand from previous year \$63.72, from tuition \$203, board \$800.95, white churches and individuals \$198, colored churches and individuals \$534.50, old accounts \$128.75, total receipts \$1928.92; expenditures, for school supplies \$14.85, boarding department \$614.44, improvements and repairs \$221.43, salaries \$1100, sundries not included in classified accounts \$267.33, total expenditures \$2218.05; appropriations, by the Society \$500, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$600, total \$1100; enrolment, males 111, females 118, total 229; average attendance, day pupils 76, boarders 35, general average 111; preparing to teach, 40; preparing for the ministry, 4; pursuing minister's course, 3; receiving gratuity, 10; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$9; for school supplies only, \$1.13; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$17.55; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$17.99.

Western College, founded at Macon, Mo., 1891; incorporated 1894; Rev. E. L. Scruggs, Principal, 1892; teachers employed, colored 4; present estimated value of property, \$15,875; incumbrance, \$2000; floating debts, \$1540.10; receipts, white churches and individuals \$484.65, colored churches and individuals \$2186.23; appropriation, by the Society \$500; enrolment, males 71, females 63, total 134; average attendance, day pupils 44, boarders 40, general average 84; preparing for college, 5; pursuing college course, 1; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 30; preparing to teach, 15; preparing for the ministry, 5; receiving gratuity, 24; conversions, 5.

HIGHER AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR INDIANS.

Indian University, founded at Tahlequah, 1879; incorporated 1881; transferred to Muscogee, 1885; Rev. J. H. Scott, President, 1897 (Bacone P. O., Ind. Ter.); teachers employed, 10; present estimated value of property, \$26,200; no incumbrance; no floating debt; endowment fund, \$1626.02, receipts, balance on hand from previous year \$36.78, from tuition \$872.93, board \$2871.15, churches and individuals \$26, old accounts \$740.11, sources not included in classified accounts \$216.95, total receipts \$4763.92; expenditures, for school supplies \$118.55, boarding department \$2944.41, improvements and repairs \$325.78, students' labor \$18.80, salaries \$4215.12, sundries not included in classified accounts \$1089.75, total expenditures \$8712.41; appropriations, by the Society \$3150, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$400, by the Woman's Society of Chicago \$360, by the Trustees \$305.12, total \$4215.12; enrolment, males 61, females 50, total 111; average attendance, day students 15, boarders 43, general average 58; pursuing college course, 6; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 23; preparing to teach, 7; preparing for the ministry, 4; conversions, 16; average cost per pupil for instruction only \$72.67, for school supplies only \$2.04, for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$68.42; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$144.59.

Atoka Academy, founded at Atoka, I. T., 1888; not incorporated; Prof. E. H. Rishel, Principal, 1891; teachers employed, 9; present estimated value of property, \$8755; no incumbrance; floating debts, \$575; receipts, balance on hand from previous year \$351.89, from tuition \$2384.86, board \$5251.65, churches and individuals, \$511.35, old accounts \$116.40, sources not included in classified accounts \$866.60, total receipts \$9482.75; expenditures, for school supplies \$168.16, boarding department \$4626.44, improvements and repairs \$1828.63, gratuities \$96.50, sundries not included in classified accounts \$227.84, salaries \$2804.15, total expenditures \$9751.72; appropriations, by the Society \$1025, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$800, by the Trustees \$619.15, by the Chicago Society \$360, total \$2804.15; enrolment, males 91, females 104, total 195; average attendance, day pupils 94, boarders 42, general average 136; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 60; preparing to teach, 10; preparing for the ministry, 2; receiving gratuity, 20; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$20.61; for school supplies only, \$1.23; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$110.15; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$58.25.

Cherokee Academy, founded at Tahlequah, I. T., 1886; not incorporated; Prof. J. C. Park, Principal, 1897; teachers employed, 4; present estimated value of property, \$5325; no incumbrance; floating debts, \$120.73; receipts, from tuition \$310.75, board \$546.13, churches and in-

dividuals \$140, old accounts \$21.70, sources not included in classified accounts \$80.98, total receipts \$1099.56; expenditures for school supplies \$106.47, boarding department \$544.16, improvements and repairs \$232.17, salaries \$1349.94, sundries not included in classified accounts \$47.55, total expenditures \$2280.29; appropriations, by the Society \$1200, by the Trustees \$194.94, total \$1349.94; enrolment, males 74, females 77, total 151; average attendance, day pupils 57, boarders 9, general average 66; preparing for college, 3; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 13; preparing to teach, 2; receiving gratuities, 6; conversions, 5; average cost per pupil for instruction only, \$20.45; for school supplies only, \$1.61; for board, including all necessary labor in preparing it for use, \$60.46; for all expenses incurred in conducting the school, except special improvements, \$31.03.

Wichita Mission School, founded at Anadarko, Okla. Ter.; Rev. D. Noble Crane, Principal, 1894; teachers employed, 4; expended for teachers' salaries, by the Society \$300, by the Woman's Society of Boston \$700; students enrolled, males 13, females 14, total 27; average attendance, boarders 24; receiving systematic instruction in industrial work, 27; preparing for college, 1; receiving gratuity, 54; conversions, 8.

CHINESE MISSION SCHOOLS.

Appropriations by the Society in California: San Francisco, \$1000; Oakland, \$500. In Oregon: Albany, \$50; Portland, \$200. In Washington: Spokane, \$300. By the Woman's Society of Boston in California: Fresno, \$480; Sacramento, \$400; Butte City, Mont., \$300.

SCHOOLS IN UTAH.

Appropriations by the Woman's Society of Boston: Provo, \$702.

SCHOOLS IN MEXICO.

Appropriations by the Woman's Society of Boston: International, \$440; Santa Rosa, \$165.

SCHOOLS IN NEW MEXICO.

Appropriations by the Society, \$300; by the Woman's Society of Boston, Rinconada, \$600.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1897-98.

1. The enrolment of students for colored people was, males 2152, females 2603, total 4755; the average number of boarders was 1457, day pupils 1660, general average 3117. Of the number enrolled, 387 were studying for the ministry, 1624 preparing to teach, 62 in the missionary-

training course, 50 in the nurse-training course, and 1614 received systematic instruction in some line of industrial work. The enrolment in schools for Indians was, 239 males, 245 females, total 484. Of this number 6 were studying for the ministry and 19 preparing to teach. The total enrolment in all the schools, both colored and Indian, was 5239, and the total number of conversions during the year was 227.

2. There were employed in all of the 26 colored schools receiving help from the American Baptist Home Mission Society 249 teachers, 118 white, 131 colored; 97 of whom were males and 152 females. Of the male teachers 28 were white and 69 colored; of the female teachers 90 were white and 62 colored.

3. The expenditure for the salary of teachers for the school year 1897-98 was as follows: The American Baptist Home Mission Society contributed for Negro schools \$52,272.50, Indian schools \$5675, Chinese and Mexican schools \$2350; the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society of New England, Negro schools \$13,560, Indian schools \$1200, Chinese, Mormon, and Mexican schools \$3087; the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago, Negro schools \$3020, Indian schools \$720; The Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Michigan, Negro schools, \$450; Trustees and special friends of the 10 Negro schools managed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, \$16,978.29; the John F. Slater Fund, \$8500; the 16 schools controlled by Negro trustees, \$12,929.08; and trustees of Indian schools, \$1074.21; making a total expenditure for teachers' salaries of \$121,816.08. Of this amount, \$107,009.87 were paid to teachers in colored schools, \$9369.21 to teachers in Indian schools, and \$5437 to teachers in schools for Chinese, Mormons, and Mexicans.

4. The receipts from the colored people themselves for 1897-98 were as follows: From tuition fees \$19,280.36, from charge for board \$58,929.16, from old accounts \$5047.53, from sources not designated in reports from schools, \$11,568.52, from churches and individuals \$20,239.04, making a total of \$115,064.61. Of this amount, \$12,929.08 has been paid, as stated above in paragraph 3, on teachers' salaries, and the balance, \$102,135.53, has been expended for other current expenses, including board, school supplies, etc., by the President or Principal of each of the 26 schools, under the direction of the authorities of the institutions.

5. The American Baptist Home Mission Society contributed for the support of the colored schools in 1897-98, in addition to the \$52,272.50 paid on the salaries of teachers given above in paragraph 3, the sum of \$15,286.33, which was expended for buildings and other purposes, making the total contribution by the Society \$67,558.83; this amount, and the \$54,287.37 contributed by the other outside sources named above in paragraph 3, added to the \$115,064.61 contributed by the colored people, as given in paragraph 4, make a grand total of \$236,910.81; or, about a

quarter of a million dollars expended in the education of the colored people in the schools helped by the Society during the school year 1897-98.

6. There are now 26 schools for colored people helped by the American Baptist Home Mission Society; 16 of which are under the entire control and management of Negro boards of trustees. In the other 10, the salaries of all of the teachers, amounting to \$81,190.79, are paid through the American Baptist Home Mission Society by the parties named above in paragraph 3. Of these 10 schools, Jackson College and Wayland Seminary have at present no board of trustees, and hence are managed from the office in New York. Each of the other 8 schools has a board of trustees composed of white and colored members, which is charged with the direct management of the institution, subject to approval by the Executive Board of the Society. There are in all of these boards 59 white and 23 colored members. The Society in 1897-98 contributed to these 10 schools for teachers' salaries \$42,772.50, and for building and other purposes \$13,603.90, making a total of \$56,376.40. The colored people, in addition to paying the charge made in these 10 institutions for instruction, board, etc., have contributed for their support as follows: Churches and individuals, \$2649.33; surplus from the schools, \$4698.47; making a total of \$7347.80, or an average per school of \$734.78. This amount falls far short of meeting the expense of necessary wear and tear to buildings, furniture, etc.

7. The 16 schools under the entire control and management of Negro boards of trustees consist of 4 holding College charters, and 12 Secondary or Academic schools. The aggregate salary of all of the teachers in these 16 schools in 1897-98 was \$25,369.08; of which the American Baptist Home Mission Society paid \$9500. The expenditure for board, school supplies, and all other current expenses was \$22,765.14, making a total expenditure for 1897-98 of \$48,134.22. This amount provides but very meagrely for the support of the schools. Each of these schools is subject to visitation by the Superintendent of Education and is required to make the same financial and other reports to the office in New York as the schools under the more immediate control of the Home Mission Society.

CONCLUSION.

In closing our last Annual Report reference was made to the impending war between the United States and Spain. We all rejoice that the war was of short duration; that an honorable peace has been concluded; that the majesty and dignity of the Nation was sustained on land and on sea, by a series of marvelous victories which seem to be Providential. The Nation has entered upon a

new era of material prosperity and has assumed vast moral obligations to the inhabitants of Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippine Islands, and there has been laid upon the Protestant churches of this country the grave responsibility of active, comprehensive missionary work among more than 12,000,000 of people. Your Board is anxious that the Home Mission Society shall be enabled by the churches to meet its full share of this new responsibility.

ALVAH S. HOBART,
Chairman.

THOS. J. MORGAN,
Cor. Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1899.

RECEIPTS FOR THE GENERAL FUND.			
Contributions for Missions.....	\$194,383 98		
" " Education.....	11,023 41	\$205,407 39	
Legacies for Missions.....	\$31,952 54		
" " Education.....	2,000 00	33,952 54	
Total of General Contributions, not including Con- tributions designated for Schools.....		\$239,359 93	
From Annuity Fund, released by the death of Donors.....	\$89,752 81		
" " " profit on sale of Stock.....	4,200 00	93,952 81	
		\$333,312 74	
From contributions for the Joint Debt.....		1,191 01	
SCHOOLS.			
Wayland Seminary, D. C.—			
Contributions for Wayland Seminary.....	\$400 00		
" Specially Designated.....	60 00	\$460 00	
Richmond Theological Seminary, Va.—			
Contributions for Richmond Theological Seminary...	\$39 00		
" Specially Designated.....	250 00	289 00	
Hartshorn Memorial College, Va —			
Contributions for Hartshorn Memorial College.....	\$1,937 50		
" Specially Designated.....	5 00	1,942 50	
Shaw University, N. C.—			
Contributions for Shaw University.....	\$158 39		
" Specially Designated.....	50 00	208 39	
Benedict College, S. C.—			
Contributions for Benedict College.....		50 00	
*Spelman Seminary, Ga.—			
Contributions for Spelman Seminary.....		7,956 45	
Atlanta Baptist College, Ga.—			
Contributions for Atlanta Baptist College.....	\$39 69		
" Specially Designated.....	75 00	114 69	
Roger Williams University, Tenn.—			
Contributions for Roger Williams University.....		450 00	
Amount forward.....		\$11,471 03	\$334,503 75

Amount brought forward.....		\$11,471 03	\$334,503 75.
SCHOOLS.—Continued.			
Jackson College, Miss.— Contributions for Jackson College		500 00	
Bishop College, Tex.— Surplus.....		809 18	
Indian University, Ind. Ter.— Contributions for Indian University.....	\$371 08		
" Specially Designated.....	10 00	381 08	
State University, Ky.— Contributions for State University.....		399 96	
Coleman Academy, La.—		443 75	
Wichita Baptist Mission School, Anadarko, O. T.— Contributions for Wichita Baptist Mission School.—	\$1,440 00		
" Specially Designated.....	12 40	1,452 40	
Cherokee Academy, Ind. Ter.— Contributions for Cherokee Academy.....		7 00	
Atoka Academy, Ind. Ter.— Contributions for Atoka Academy.....	\$844 36		
" Specially Designated.....	5 00	849 36	
Waters' Normal Institute, N. C.— Contributions for Waters' Normal Institute.....		525 00	
Mather School, S. C.— Contributions for Mather School.....		950 00	
Arkansas Baptist College, Ark.— Contributions for Arkansas Baptist College.....		425 00	
Houston Academy, Tex.— Contributions for Houston Academy.....		50 00	
Chinese Schools, California.— Contributions for Fresno School.....	\$493 35		
" Sacramento School.....	400 00	893 35	
Provo School, Utah.— Contributions for Provo School.....		702 00	
Butte, Mont., School.— Contributions for Butte School.....		300 00	
Amount forward.....		\$20,159 11	\$334,503 75.

Amount brought forward.....		\$20,159 11	\$334,503 75
SCHOOLS.—Continued.			
Schools in Mexico.—			
Contributions for International School.....	\$438 57		
" " Santa Rosa School.....	63 80		
" " Montemorelos School.....	105 00		
		607 37	
Velarde, New Mex., School.—			
Contributions for Velarde School.....		600 00	
Virginia Union University, Va.—			
Contributions for Virginia Union University.....	\$7,251 12		
" Specially Designated.....	2,375 00		
Released from Annuity Fund.....	20,000 00		
		29,626 12	
Total Receipts for Schools.....			50,992 60
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Received from Sale and Rent of Real Estate.....	\$2,520 23		
" " Income from Permanent Trust Funds.....	19,606 11		
" " " Isaac Davis Fund.....	405 00		
" " " Conditional and Annuity Fund.....	17,207 69		
" Interest and Dividends.....	333 01		
" Home Mission Monthly.....	3,288 42		
" Jubilee Volume.....	3 75		
" Church Edifice Funds for Share of Expenses.....		43,373 21	
		5,116 55	
Total Amount Received.....		\$433,986 11	
Cash in Treasury, April 1, 1898.....		9,248 57	
			\$443,234 68

EXPENDITURES FOR MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

Missionaries, viz.:

To the English Speaking.....	\$100,812 79	
" Scandinavians.....	26,758 52	
" Germans.....	14,852 07	
" French.....	6,058 10	
" Colored.....	10,001 17	
" Indians.....	6,987 63	
" Chinese.....	3,750 97	
" Mexicans.....	10,056 70	
" Bohemians.....	557 08	
" Portuguese.....	360 00	
" Cubans.....	993 45	
" Porto Ricans.....	763 75	
" Finns.....	288 57	
" Japanese.....	300 00	
" Poles.....	1,122 39	
" Italians.....	2,684 17	
" Jews.....	1,050 01	
" Armenians.....	50 00	
		\$187,447 37

SCHOOLS.

Wayland Seminary, D. C.—		
Salary of Geo. R. Hovey, President.....	\$1,500 00	
" " Teachers.....	4,123 95	
Expenses.....	91 09	
		\$5,715 04
Richmond Theological Seminary, Va.—		
Salary of Rev. C. H. Corey, D.D., President.....	\$1,500 00	
" " Teachers.....	3,037 32	
Expenses.....	1,603 99	
		6,141 31
Hartshorn, Memorial College, Va.—		
Salary of Rev. L. B. Tefft, President.....	\$1,200 00	
" " Teachers.....	2,075 00	
		3,275 00
Shaw University, N. C.—		
Salary of Charles F. Meserve, President.....	\$2,000 00	
" " Teachers.....	5,410 00	
Specially Designated for Students.....	134 71	
Insurance.....	378 05	
		7,922 76
Benedict, College, S. C.—		
Salary of Rev. A. C. Osborn, D.D., President.....	\$1,500 00	
" " Teachers.....	4,403 00	
Expenses.....	90 16	
Insurance.....	140 50	
		6,133 66
Atlanta Baptist College, Ga.—		
Salary of Rev. George Sale, President.....	\$1,500 00	
" " Teachers.....	3,665 00	
Expenses.....	1,901 95	
Insurance.....	314 76	
		7,381 71
Amount forward.....		\$36,569 48
		\$187,447 37

Amount brought forward.....		\$36,569 48	\$187,447 37
SCHOOLS.—Continued.			
Spelman Seminary, Ga.—			
Salary of Miss H. E. Giles, President.....	\$800 00		
" " " L. H. Upton, Vice-President.....	600 00		
" " Teachers.....	6,262 50		
Expenses.....	945 01		
Insurance.....	266 20		
		\$8,873 71	
Roger Williams University, Tenn.—			
Salary of Rev. A. T. Sowerby, President.....	\$375 00		
" " Rev. Owen James, ex-President.....	875 00		
" " Teachers.....	5,173 75		
Expenses.....	1,188 84		
Insurance.....	343 50		
		7,956 09	
Jackson College, Miss.—			
Salary of Rev. L. G. Barrett, President.....	\$1,400 02		
" " Teachers.....	3,181 22		
		4,581 24	
Bishop College, Tex.—			
Salary of Rev. Albert Loughridge, President.....	\$1,125 00		
" " Rev. N. Wolverton, ex-President.....	750 00		
" " Teachers.....	4,988 78		
Expenses.....	38 60		
Insurance.....	64 59		
Steam-heating Plant.....	1,150 00		
		8,116 97	
Indian University, Ind. Ter.—			
Salary of Rev. J. H. Scott, President.....	\$1,049 98		
" " Teachers.....	2,910 07		
Expenses.....	714 00		
Specially Designated.....	10 00		
		4,684 05	
Florida Institute, Live Oak, Fla.—			
Salary of Rev. G. P. McKinney, Principal.....	\$124 98		
" " Teachers.....	249 96		
Salaries for School Year 1897-98.....	500 00		
		874 94	
Florida Baptist Academy, Fla.—			
Salary of Rev. N. W. Collier, Principal.....	\$300 00		
" " Teachers.....	200 00		
		500 00	
Alabama Baptist Colored University, Ala.—			
Salary of Rev. C. S. Dinkins, Principal.....	\$376 04		
" " Teachers.....	700 00		
		1,076 04	
State University, Ky.—			
Salary of Rev. C. L. Purce, Principal.....	\$150 00		
" " Teachers.....	850 00		
		1,000 00	
Waters' Normal Institute, N. C.—			
Salary of Rev. C. S. Brown, Principal.....	\$549 97		
" " Teachers.....	525 06		
		1,075 03	
Amount forward.....		\$75,307 55	\$187 447 37

Amount brought forward.....		\$75,307 55	\$187,447 37
SCHOOLS.—Continued.			
Mather School, S. C.—			
Salary of Teachers		950 00	
Bible and Normal Institute, Tenn.—			
Salary of Teachers.....		550 00	
Coleman Academy, La.—			
Salary of Prof. O. L. Coleman, Principal.....	\$400 00		
" " Teachers.....	550 00	950 00	
Houston Academy, Tex.—			
Salary of Teachers	\$499 94		
Expenses.....	10 73	510 67	
Hearne Academy, Tex.—			
Salary of Rev. J. F. Anderson, Principal.....	\$281 28		
" " Teachers.....	218 78		
Expenses.....	10 73	510 79	
Virginia Seminary, Va.—			
Salary of P. of G. W. Hayes, Principal.....		250 03	
Jeruel Academy, Ga.—			
Salary of Prof. J. H. Brown, Principal.....	\$300 00		
" " Teachers.....	200 00	500 00	
Walker Baptist Institute, Ga.—			
Salary of N. W. Curtright, Principal	\$120 00		
" " Teachers.....	380 00	500 00	
Western College, Macon, Mo.—			
Salary of Prof. E. L. Scruggs, Principal.....	\$170 00		
" " Teachers.....	330 00	500 00	
Cherokee Academy, Ind. Ter.—			
Salary of Rev. J. C. Park, Principal.....	\$777 77		
" " Teachers.....	622 23		
Expenses.....	65 00		
Insurance.....	16 25		
Specially Designated for Students.....	7 00	1,488 25	
Atoka Academy, Ind. Ter.—			
Salary of Prof. E. H. Rishel, Principal.....	\$858 30		
" " Teachers.....	947 16		
Insurance.....	45 00	1,850 46	
Wichita Baptist Mission, Anadarko, O. T.—			
Salary of Rev. D. Noble Crane, Principal.....	\$420 00		
" " Teachers.....	1,095 00		
Specially Designated for Students.....	12 40	1,527 40	
Amount forward.....		\$85,395 15	\$187,447 37

Amount brought forward.....		\$85,395 15	\$187,447 37
SCHOOLS.—Continued.			
Americus School, Ga.—			
Salary of Teachers.....	\$250 00		
Building Account.....	50 00	300 00	
Arkansas Baptist College, Ark.—			
Salary of Rev. J. A. Booker, Principal.....	\$475 00		
" Teachers.....	637 50		
Building Account.....	250 00	1,362 50	
Virginia Union University, Va.—			
Construction account.....	\$15,566 73		
Expense, Rev. J. W. Kirby.....	1,273 71	16,840 44	
Chinese Schools, California.—			
Salary of Teachers at Fresno.....	\$493 32		
" " " " Sacramento.....	400 00		
" " " " San Francisco.....	658 21		
" " " " Oakland.....	583 30	2,134 83	
Chinese School, Spokane, Wash.—			
Salary of Teacher.....		300 00	
Chinese School, Butte, Mont.—			
Salary of Teacher.....		300 00	
Provo School, Utah—			
Salary of Teachers.....	\$702 00		
Expenses.....	17 00	719 00	
Velarde School, New Mexico—			
Salary of Teachers.....		1,005 00	
Schools in Mexico—			
International School, Salary of Teachers.....	\$409 31		
Expenses.....	29 26		
Montemorelos School.....	102 66		
Santa Rosa School.....	63 80	605 03	
Spiller Academy, Va.—			
Salary of Teachers.....		500 00	
Work in Tennessee—			
Salary and Expenses of Rev. W. G. Parks.....	\$223 61		
" " " " Rev. T. J. Searcy.....	313 87	537 48	
Work in Georgia—			
Salary and Expenses of Rev. F. M. Simmons.....		442 52	
Work in Mississippi—			
Salary and Expenses of Rev. B. J. Davis.....		385 95	
Total Expenditures for Schools.....			110,827 92
Amount forward.....			\$298,275 27

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Amount brought forward.....		\$365,127 08
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Annuitants.....	\$21,299 38	
James M. Whitehead.....	600 00	
Virginia Baptist Publishing Co.....	556 07	
Expense of Real Estate.....	914 66	
		23,371 01
Debt of the Society, April 1st, 1898.....		\$388,498 09.
		13,846 30.
Total Expenditures.....		\$402,344 39.
Cash awaiting investment.....		35,000 00.
Cash in Treasury—Designated.....	\$5,249 34	
“ “ —Undesignated.....	640 95	
		5,890 29.
Grand Total.....		\$443,234 68.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR CHURCH EDIFICE WORK.

CHURCH EDIFICE BENEVOLENT FUND: RECEIPTS.		
Contributions for the Year.....	\$3,817 74	
Legacy.....	1,000 00	
Interest from Investments.....	8,309 19	
Income from Real Estate.....	882 08	
Transferred from Stella Fund.....	14,555 12	
Gifts returned by Churches:		\$28,564 13
Skiddy, Kan.....	\$106 00	
Hancock, Mich.....	30 00	
Topeka, Kan.....	71 96	
West Superior, Wis., First Church.....	400 00	
		607 96
Total Amount Received.....		\$29,172 09
Balance, April 1, 1898.....		2,108 88
		\$31,280 97

CHURCH EDIFICE BENEVOLENT FUND: EXPENDITURES.		
Gifts to the following Churches:		
Alaska, Skagway.....	\$900 00	
*California, Berkeley.....	500 00	
" Fresno, Chinese Mission.....	298 08	
" Monterey.....	100 00	
Colorado, Denver, Broadway Church.....	2,000 00	
" Calvary Church.....	2,000 00	
Florida, Monte Vista.....	20 00	
Illinois, Chicago, Swede Church.....	500 00	
Indian Territory, Tulsa.....	100 00	
" Stillwell.....	200 00	
*Iowa, Havelock.....	50 00	
" Oakwood.....	100 00	
*" Sioux City, Calvary Church.....	300 00	
Kansas, Eureka.....	300 00	
" Florence.....	19 08	
*" Galena.....	200 00	
" Hamilton.....	200 00	
" Hiattville.....	50 00	
" Lincoln.....	200 00	
" Little Walnut Creek.....	50 00	
" Paxico.....	150 00	
" Plano.....	49 25	
" Weir.....	100 00	
Kentucky, Winchester.....	20 00	
Maine, Lewiston, French Mission..	303 63	
Manitoba, Canada, Winnipeg.....	400 00	
*Michigan, Bay City.....	500 00	
" Hancock.....	325 00	
Minnesota, Brainerd.....	100 00	
" Clayton.....	100 00	
*" Lake Benton.....	250 00	
*" Minneapolis, Swede Church.....	500 00	
" Stillwater.....	100 00	
Missouri, Noel.....	200 00	
Montana, Belt.....	200 00	
Nebraska, Falls City.....	30 00	
*" Omaha, Immanuel Church.....	500 00	
" Stromsburg.....	400 00	
Amount forward.....	\$12,315 04	

* Also a Loan from the Loan Fund.

CHURCH EDIFICE BENEVOLENT FUND: EXPENDITURES.—Continued.

Amount brought forward.....		\$12,315 04
North Dakota, Berlin, German Church.....	200 00	
" Fessenden " ".....	206 00	
" Jewell.....	200 00	
*Oklahoma Territory, Alva.....	200 00	
* " Enid.....	250 00	
" Freedom.....	100 00	
" Geary.....	300 00	
* " Kingfisher.....	150 00	
" Stillwater.....	200 00	
" Sugar Creek River, Caddos.....	450 00	
" Watonga.....	270 00	
" Woodward.....	100 00	
Ontario, Canada, Haggerty, German Church.....	200 00	
*Oregon, Burns.....	125 00	
" Grants Pass.....	200 00	
" Juniper Flat.....	50 00	
" McMinnville.....	500 00	
* " Portland, Calvary Church.....	165 00	
South Dakota, Fairfax.....	300 00	
" Spencer.....	37 00	
* " Summit.....	100 00	
Virginia, Dublin.....	25 00	
Washington, Hartland.....	75 00	
* " Pullman.....	100 00	
" South Tacoma.....	100 00	
" Spokane, First Church.....	297 00	
West Virginia, Hulings.....	300 00	
" Mannington.....	250 00	
" Williamson.....	200 00	
Wyoming, Basin City.....	350 00	
Total Amount of Gifts.....		\$18,315 04
Expenses—		
Chapel Day.....	\$323 01	
Insurance.....	87 50	
Incidental.....	88 02	
Administration.....	2,996 77	
		\$3,495 30
Total Expenditures.....		\$21,810 34
Balance in Treasury April 1, 1899—Designated.....	\$7,555 12	
" " " " "—Undesignated.....	1,915 51	
		9,470 63
		\$31,280 97

*Also a Loan from the Loan Fund.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR CHURCH EDIFICE WORK.—Continued.

CHURCH EDIFICE LOAN FUND: RECEIPTS.		
Contributions.....	\$331 41	
Loans Repaid.....	11,681 60	
Interest received.....	6,992 47	
Balance April 1, 1898.....		\$19,005 48
		3,015 26
		\$22,020 74
CHURCH EDIFICE LOAN FUND: EXPENDITURES.		
Loans to the following Churches:		
*California, Berkeley.....	500 00	
*Iowa, Havelock.....	100 00	
* " Sioux City, Calvary Church.....	200 00	
" Stuart.....	300 00	
Kansas, Empire City.....	100 00	
* " Galena.....	300 00	
" Hutchinson.....	100 00	
" Rosedale.....	200 00	
" Topeka.....	400 00	
" Wyandotte.....	400 00	
*Michigan, Bay City.....	2,000 00	
" Twining.....	125 00	
*Minnesota, Lake Benton.....	250 00	
* " Minneapolis, Swede Church.....	1,500 00	
Montana, Anaconda.....	800 00	
*Nebraska, Omaha, Immanuel Church.....	750 00	
*Oklahoma Territory, Alva.....	100 00	
* " Enid.....	250 00	
* " " Kingfisher.....	100 00	
*Oregon, Burns.....	300 00	
* " Portland, Calvary Church.....	2,100 00	
*South Dakota, Summit.....	100 00	
*Washington, Pullman.....	100 00	
" Puyallup.....	1,000 00	
" Seattle, First Church.....	2,000 00	
Total Amount of Loans.....		\$14,075 00
Amount Paid Annuitants.....	\$756 00	
Insurance of Sundry Churches.....	302 00	
Expenses—		
Interest.....	532 83	
Incidental.....	35 96	
Administration.....	3,319 68	
		4,946 47
Total Expenditures.....		\$19,021 47
Balance in the Treasury, April 1, 1899.....		2,999 27
		\$22,020 74

*Also a Donation from the Benevolent Fund.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY.

I.—PERMANENT TRUST FUNDS.

The Society has received the following funds, which it holds in trust, using only the interest:

FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Allen, Jonas	\$100 00	Kelly, Chloe M.....	500 00
Ambler, J. V.....	15,000 00	Kendall, Horace.....	1,000 00
Anderson, David.....	1,000 00	Lees, Wm. B.....	950 00
Axtell, Mrs. H. E.....	311 11	Linch, Jarret	10,647 44
Bailey, David.....	1,055 00	Little, Nathan	3,874 68
Barker, Wm. E.....	100 00	Logan, John.....	400 00
Barney, Nancy Porter, Memorial	5,000 00	Merrick, Austin.....	49,351 88
Blain, John.....	1,000 00	Norcross, S. W.....	500 00
Bleecker, G. N.....	17,000 00	Noyes, Mary.....	1,000 00
Brimhall, Permelia.....	1,572 99	Nugent, George.....	1,000 00
Brockett, E. J.....	1,000 00	Pease, Nancy P.....	1,000 00
Butler, Charles S.....	1,000 00	Roberts, Elizabeth.....	3,000 00
Capen, Barnabas D.....	10,000 00	Rockwell, Rufus.....	461 80
Carleton, Younglove	830 21	Rogers, Elizabeth W....	500 00
Cheever, Wm.....	7,657 82	Rogers, Anna.....	500 00
Corry, Aaron.....	1,480 81	Russell, P. R.....	2,700 00
Darling, Henry.....	1,000 00	Ruth, Mordecai T.....	5,242 68
Davis, Isaac.....	10,100 00	Selleck, Levi.....	1,000 00
Dunbar, Robert.....	500 00	Sherman, George J.....	1,000 00
Eldridge, Lyman.....	75 00	Swaim, Mary A. N.....	9,400 00
Fay, Mrs. L. R. B.....	4,189 61	Thorn, Mrs. John, Me- morial	5,000 00
Fisk, Theron.....	2,500 00	Tripp, Susan.....	500 00
Flint, Harriet N.....	5,000 00	Van Husan, C., Memor- ial	2,000 00
Frazer Fund.....	3,500 00	Wickens, George.....	500 00
Frisbie, Sarah M.....	1,000 00	Woods, John.....	1,922 19
Giddings, Mrs. Lovina...	600 00	Woolverton, Geo. A....	5,000 00
Glover, Henry R.....	5,000 00	† ——— ———.....	2,000 00
Ham, Wm.....	100 00		
Howard, Harry H.....	100 00		
Hoyt, Joseph B.....	25,000 00		\$234,723 22
John, Lizzie J., Memorial	1,000 00		

FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION.

Bostwick, J. A.....	\$6,000 00	Indian University.....	1,626 02
Bradford, S. S.....	1,000 00	Jackson College.....	476 25
Colby, Emily S.....	200 00	Richmond Theo. Sem.:	
Marston, S. W.....	1,000 00	Colby, Emily S.....	500 00
Endowment of Schools, viz.:		Hoyt, J. B.....	25,000 00
Atlanta Baptist College	5 00	Library Fund.....	3,220 50
Cook, Josiah W.....	17,148 75	Reed, Susan C.,	
Ripley, Mrs. A. O....	1,000 00	Scholarship	1,000 00
Benedict College.....	57,479 88	Rockefeller, J. D....	25,000 00

Smith, S. F.....	1,000 00	Spelman Seminary:	
Tolman, Lydia S....	1,400 00	Endowment	196 50
Union Professorship	7,238 41	Monroe, Mary E....	5,000 00
Waterhouse, C. W..	1,000 00	†.....	800 00
Roger Williams Univ.:		Wayland Seminary:	
Endowment	3,850 96	Endowment	19,040 33
Champney, Sarah H.	500 00	Gray, M. M.....	2,000 00
†.....	200 00	Wayland, Eliz. A...	150 00
Shaw University:		†.....	1,500 00
Endowment	25,588 02		
Buss, Harriet M....	350 00		\$215,470 62
Leonard, Judson W.	5,000 00		

FOR CHURCH-EDIFICE WORK.

Bostwick, J. A.....	\$6,000 00
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FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Smart, John.....	\$1,000	
Whiting, Martha.....	1,000	\$2,000 00
Total of Permanent Trust Funds.....		\$458,193 84
Amount charged to profit and loss.....		12,000 00
		<u>\$446,193 84</u>
Amount reported last year.....	\$402,091 99	

Increase, as follows:

Endowment of Atlanta College....	\$17,148 75	
“ “ Benedict College...	542 28	
“ “ Richmond Th. Sem.	10 00	
“ “ Spelman Seminary..	176 50	
“ “ Wayland Seminary..	1,000 00	
Linch, Jarret.....	10,647 44	
Profit on sale of stock, formerly received from Austin Merrick....	26,576 88	
	<u>\$56,101 85</u>	
Decrease, amount charged to Profit and Loss	12,000 00	44,101 85
Total Fund, April 1, 1899.....		<u>\$446,193 84</u>

The above funds are invested as follows:

First Mortgages on Real Estate in New York and Brooklyn	\$268,885 33	
Mortgages elsewhere	41,300 00	
Railroad Bonds	56,280 00	
Stocks	21,000 00	
Railroad Bonds and Stock, invested by donors.....	8,300 00	
Bank and other Stock and Bonds, invested by donors	14,525 00	
Cash in Treasury.....	35,903 51	
		<u>\$446,193 84</u>

II.—CONDITIONAL AND ANNUITY FUNDS.

1st. *Annuity Funds*.—Donations, upon which semi-annual annuities are paid during life, either to the donor, or to such person or object as the donor may designate.

2d. *Conditional Funds*.—Donations held temporarily, in trust, and subject to the conditions imposed by the donors.

Amount reported April 1, 1898.....	\$428,110 41
Added during the year (including profit on sale of stock)...	65,225 15
	<u>\$493,335 56</u>

Transferred to General Fund during the year by death of annuitants, and profit on sale of stock.	\$93,952 81	
Transferred to General Fund during the year by death of annuitants, designated for Virginia Union University.....	20,000 00	
Transferred to Permanent Trust Fund.....	18,148 75	
Transferred to Atlanta Seminary.....	10,263 25	142,364 81
		<u>\$350,970 75</u>
Total Fund, April 1, 1899.....		77,139 66
Net decrease		

These Funds are invested as follows, viz.:

First Mortgages on Real Estate in New York City and Brooklyn, and cash in depositories.....	\$198,317 90	
Mortgages elsewhere	74,520 00	
Real Estate and Notes.....	37,054 56	
Stocks	1,500 00	
Bank and other Stock invested by donors.....	2,563 75	
Bonds invested by donors.....	9,900 00	
Suspense Account	11,212 21	
Cash in Treasury.....	15,902 33	<u>\$350,970 75</u>

The following list gives the names of donors now living who have contributed to these funds:

ANNUITY FUNDS.

Allen, Jonathan L.....	\$6,317 10	Hoff, Mary Augusta....	1,000 00
Allen, Laura M.....	1,000 00	Homan, Miss Sarah A...	1,274 73
Ambler, Mrs. A. T.....	12,300 00	Howe, William	3,000 00
Andrews, Mrs. Perses...	500 00	Huff, Miss Elizabeth....	500 00
Ashley, Miss L. M.....	400 00	Huntley, William E....	9,000 00
Barton, Mrs. Belinda....	2,002 90	Hurlin, Rev. William....	500 00
Bell, Miss Minerva.....	500 00	Jones, Mrs. J. N.....	2,500 00
Blake, Mrs. Fannie R...	1,000 00	Kelsay, Miss D. Eliza...	100 00
Brett, Mrs. Celia L.....	1,700 00	Kendrick, Mrs. D. S....	500 00
Boardman, Mrs. M. O....	500 00	Kennard, Miss H. C....	1,000 00
Boynton, Mrs. H. D.....	486 10	Kingsley, C. W.....	25,000 00
Brown, Mrs. Lura K....	1,000 00	Larnill, Nancy Q.....	83 47
Brown, Mrs. Samuel N..	1,000 00	Leach, Mrs. M. D.....	1,000 00
Capes, Jane.....	1,000 00	Merrifield, Mrs. J. H....	100 00
Carr, Miss Ann Alila....	500 00	Messenger, Harriet B...	600 00
Chamberlin, W. D.....	1,000 00	Millard, O. H.....	1,000 00
Chilson, Gardner.....	26,666 66	Mitchell, Mrs. J. M.....	200 00
Coolidge, Anna M. J....	1,000 00	Nichols, Charles H.....	3,800 00
Corey, Charles H.....	500 00	Nye, Mrs. J. E.....	1,000 00
Crawford, Mrs. A. B....	40 00	Onderdonk, Miss H. W.	18,500 00
Crosby, Mrs. Sarah Ford	250 00	Parker, Miss Laura.....	200 00
Crowell, Mrs. N. E.....	500 00	Parmly, Miss M. E.....	200 00
Darrow, Mrs. H. E.....	55 50	Pettit, Mrs. Curtis.....	200 00
Davis, Mrs. B. M.....	500 00	Phillips, Mrs. Lydia B..	200 00
Davis, Ely.....	7,000 00	Pickford, Mrs. A. M....	5,000 00
Durban, Mrs. B. J.....	1,500 00	Pisor, Margaret	2,015 00
Durfee, J. H.....	2,000 00	Pratt, William C.....	500 00
Dyer, Mrs. Lucy D.....	1,000 00	Proctor, Joel	13,000 00
Edwards, P. M.....	1,000 00	Richardson, Mrs. H. V..	5,000 00
Erwin, Mrs. Keziah....	100 00	Riggs, D. W.....	1,500 00
Fernald, Mrs. E. H.....	2,500 00	Rigley, Mrs. Eliza	2,000 00
Fish, Mrs. Ada B.....	3,000 00	Robb, Joseph	500 00
Fiske, Miss Grace.....	1,000 00	Rogers, Alexander W...	4,000 00
Foster, Mrs. M. S.....	5,000 00	Root, John A.....	600 00
Gates, Marcius A.....	2,000 00	Savage, Eleazer.....	2,000 00
Gould, Julia N.....	250 00	Savage, Morgan	5,000 00
Grow, Rev. W. B.....	100 00	Seeley, Rev. J. V. K....	550 00
Hale, David	5,000 00	Shepardson, D.....	1,000 00
Haley, Mrs. A. M.....	2,519 40	Shepardson, Mrs. E. S..	2,000 00
Hall, Mrs. Ann E.....	1,600 00	Sheridan, Rev. William..	1,000 00
Hall, Mrs. Lucetta.....	400 00	Simmons, J. B.....	2,538 89
Harbig, Mrs. Mary E....	1,000 00	*Skaats, Mrs. Eliza....	1,500 00
Hardin, Mrs. Florence J.	100 00	Smith, Mrs. J. L.....	510 00
Harris, Mrs. Mary D....	1,000 00	Spring, Rev. M. B.....	3,000 00
Hawkins, William.....	12,000 00	Springsted, Mason.....	800 00
Henderson, Mrs. R.....	1,000 00	Stoddard, Rev. D. H....	1,000 00
Henrich, A.....	2,000 00	Swan, Edward P.....	5,860 00
Herrick, Mrs. M. B....	300 00	Taft, Mrs. A. B.....	1,600 00
Hitchcock, Titus L.....	1,000 00	Thompson, Miss J. E....	600 00

Thomson, Anne.....	500 00	†	10,000 00
Tirrell, Jesse.....	5,000 00	†	2,000 00
Train, Mrs. C. W.....	2,000 00	†	500 00
Troyer, William.....	500 00	†	500 00
Wassell, Mrs. Mary B..	2,000 00	†	2,500 00
Watts, Henry.....	1,000 00	†	400 00
West, Mrs. N. K.....	50 00	†	5,000 00
White, David.....	1,000 00	†	3,500 00
White, Mrs. Ellen M....	500 00	†	5,500 00
Willard, Mrs. S. A.....	500 00	†	400 00
Willetts, Miss H. S....	1,750 00	†	1,000 00
Williams, John.....	7,000 00	†	6,000 00
Wolcott, Mrs. M. L....	100 00	†	500 00
Woolsey, Mrs. Lucy T..	400 00	†	500 00
† ————.....	2,000 00	†	1,000 00
† ————.....	8,000 00	†	5,000 00
† ————.....	1,000 00	†	1,000 00
† ————.....	100 00	†	500 00
† ————.....	1,175 00	†	4,612 50
† ————.....	2,000 00	†	1,800 00
† ————.....	1,000 00	†	1,400 00
† ————.....	4,600 00	†	300 00
† ————.....	253 13	†	2,000 00
† ————.....	7,000 00	†	884 00

CONDITIONAL FUNDS.

† ————.....	1,975 00	† ————.....	1,000 00
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III.—CHURCH EDIFICE BENEVOLENT INVESTMENT FUND.

Amount reported last year.....	\$141,713 90
Added during the year.....	26,576 88
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	\$168,290 78
Transferred to Church-Edifice Benevolent Fund.....	14,555 12
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	\$153,735 66

Invested as follows, viz.:

First Mortgages on Real Estate in New York and Brooklyn	\$83,667 57
Railroad and other Stocks and Bonds.....	34,000 00
Real Estate	20,000 00
Notes	4,950 00
Cash in Treasury.....	11,118 09
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	\$153,735 66

* Two-thirds of this amount is held in trust, to be equally divided between the American Baptist Missionary Union and the American and Foreign Bible Society.

† Donors who do not wish their names made public.

IV.—CHURCH EDIFICE LOAN FUND.

Amount of Outstanding Loans.....	\$150,573 84
Cash in Treasury.....	2,999 27
Total Fund.....	\$153,573 11
Amount reported last year.....	\$150,896 70
Receipts—Interest, contributions, and transfers.....	7,373 38
	\$158,270 08
Expenditures—Incidental Expenses	\$3,355 64
Annuities	756 00
Interest	532 83
Charged to Profit and Loss.....	52 50
	4,696 97
Present Fund, April 1, 1899.....	\$153,573 11

V.—REAL ESTATE.

School property, etc.:		
Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C.,	Estimated Value, \$100,000 00	
Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.,	" "	74,000 00
Atlanta College, Atlanta, Ga.,	" "	60,000 00
Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.,	" "	165,000 00
Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn.,	" "	130,000 00
Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.,	" "	35,000 00
Bishop College, Marshall, Tex.,	" "	94,000 00
Florida Institute, Live Oak, Fla.,	" "	7,000 00
Mission Ground and Building, Tahlequah, I. T.,	" "	5,000 00
Atoka Academy Property, Atoka, I. T.,	" "	5,000 00
Chinese Mission Headquarters, San Fran., Cal.,	" "	22,000 00
Mission Headquarters and Ch., City of Mexico,	" "	26,000 00
Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.,	" "	100,000 00
		\$823,000 00

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.*

For General Purposes:

Notes	\$1,500 00
Bonds	1,000 00
Stock	4,254 23
Mortgages	22,969 97
Real Estate	12,000 00
	\$41,724 20

* The assets in Class VI. were given to the Society; their value is estimated.

For Church Edifice Work:

Railroad Bonds.....	\$4,000 00
Stock	5,000 00
Real Estate	40,500 00
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	\$49,500 00

FRANK R. HATHAWAY, *Treasurer.*

111 Fifth Avenue, New York, April 1, 1899.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the accompanying accounts of the Treasurer, and have compared the entries with the vouchers connected therewith, and find the same correct.

We have also examined the various Trust Funds and evidences of property belonging to the Society, and find them to agree with the entries in the Treasurer's books.

Signed,

LEONARD F. REQUA, }
EDGAR S. MARSTON, } *Auditors.*

NEW YORK, April 29, 1899.

SUMMARY OF ASSETS.

General Fund.....	\$864,724 20
Permanent Trust Fund.....	410,290 33
Conditional and Annuity Funds.....	335,068 42
Church Edifice Benevolent Trust Fund.....	142,617 57
Church Edifice Gift Fund.....	49,500 00
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	\$1,802,200 52

SUMMARY OF CASH IN TREASURY.

General Fund, Designated.....	\$ 5,249 34
" Undesignated	640 95
Permanent Trust Fund.....	35,903 51
Conditional and Annuity Fund.....	15,902 33
Church Edifice Benevolent Trust Fund.....	11,118 09
Church Edifice Gift Fund.....	9,470 63
Church Edifice Loan Fund.....	2,999 27
Emergency Fund.....	35,000 00
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	\$116,284 12

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.			
Contributions for General Purposes.....	\$205,407 39		
" " Schools and Buildings.....	30,183 42		
Legacies for General Purposes.....	33,952 54		
	269,543 35		
Annuity Funds Released by Death of Donor.....	109,752 81		
Annuity Funds, Profit on Sale of Stock.....	4,200 00		
		\$383,496 16	
Income from Invested Funds.....		37,551 81	
" Real Estate.....		2,520 23	
Home Mission Monthly.....		3,288 42	
Jubilee Volume.....		3 75	
Surplus from Schools.....		809 18	
Church Edifice Funds for Share of Expenses of Adminis- tration.....		5,116 55	
Joint Debt Funds.....		1,191 01	
Total Receipts.....		\$433,986 11	
Cash in Treasury, April 1st, 1898.....		9,248 57	\$443,234 68
EXPENDITURES.			
Salaries of Missionaries.....		\$187,447 37	
" " Principals and Teachers in Schools.....	85,371 85		
School Buildings, Purchase of Land, and Insurance.....	18,585 58		
General Expenses of Schools, Including Designated Funds Paid to Schools.....	6,870 47		
		110,827 90	
Salaries and Expenses of Officers and Clerks.....		14,594 03	
" " General Superintendents.....		10,814 18	
" " District Secretaries.....		23,857 14	
General Expenses, Including Publication.....		17,586 46	
Annuities.....		21,299 38	
Miscellaneous Expenses.....		2,071 63	
Debt of the Society, April 1st, 1898.....		13,846 30	
Total Expenditures.....		\$402,344 39	
Cash, Awaiting Investment.....		\$35,000 00	
Cash in Treasury, Designated.....	5,249 34		
" " Undesignated.....	640 95		
		5,890 29	\$443,234 68

LEGACIES

RECEIVED FROM APRIL 1, 1898, TO MARCH 31, 1899.

MAINE.

<i>East Jefferson.</i> —Estate of Albert Richardson.....	\$1,024 26
<i>Nashua.</i> —Estate of Mary A. Randall.....	100 00
<i>Newport.</i> —Estate of Mrs. Lurinda H. Redington.....	150 00
<i>North Vassalboro.</i> —Estate of Mrs. Abigail White.....	1,500 00

VERMONT.

<i>Brandon.</i> —Estate of Sarah E. Powers.....	100 00
<i>Fairfax.</i> —Estate of David Rowley, Interest.....	410 00
<i>Fairfax.</i> —Estate of J. M. Hotchkiss.....	16 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Agawam.</i> —Estate of Mary Ann Smith.....	285 60
<i>Boston.</i> —Estate of John Woods, Interest.....	16 11
<i>Boston.</i> —Estate of Mary Jane Hobart, \$500, for F. F.....	1,829 32
<i>Bernardston.</i> —Estate of Mary P. Humphries.....	200 00
<i>Cambridgeport.</i> —Estate of Josiah W. Cook.....	475 00
<i>Chelsea.</i> —Estate of John C. Peak.....	1,000 00
<i>Chelsea.</i> —Estate of Eustice C. Fitz.....	10,000 00
<i>Chicopee Falls.</i> —Estate of Miss Emma P. Chapin.....	50 00
<i>Danversport.</i> —Estate of Benjamin Porter, Interest.....	48 94
<i>Newburyport.</i> —Estate of Mary Elwell.....	23 15
<i>Salem.</i> —Estate of Rev. James H. Seaver.....	300 00
<i>Southbridge.</i> —Estate of John Edwards, Interest.....	54 00
<i>Southbridge.</i> —Estate of John Woods.....	16 11
<i>South Gardner.</i> —Estate of Susanna Stone.....	37 00
<i>Wakefield.</i> —Estate of Hiram Sweetser.....	1,000 00
<i>Whitman.</i> —Estate of Lucinda A. Fullerton.....	1,700 00
<i>Woburn.</i> —Estate of Peter Fiske.....	263 04

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Providence.</i> —Estate of H. Jackson, D.D., Interest.....	23 44
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CONNECTICUT.

<i>Groton</i> .—Estate of Ebenezer Morgan, for C. E. F.....	1,000 00
<i>Hartford</i> .—Estate of George E. Martin.....	2,993 75
<i>Niantic</i> .—Estate of Amanda E. Clark.....	734 63
<i>Putnam</i> .—Estate of Mary P. Gates.....	79 56
<i>Putnam</i> .—Estate of Joanna Barrett.....	44 44
<i>Quaker Hills</i> .—Estate of Polly Browning, per 2d ch., Water-	
<i>Stamford</i> .—Estate of Nancy Smith, Interest.....	16 66
ford	18 00

NEW YORK.

<i>Brooklyn</i> .—Estate of Rev. Henry Bromley.....	300 00
<i>Brooklyn</i> .—Estate of Joseph Wild, Interest.....	1,675 00
<i>Chautauqua</i> .—Estate of Louisa A. Trask.....	100 00
<i>Frankfort</i> .—Estate of Horace J. Baldwin.....	250 00
<i>Groton</i> .—Estate of Ellen D. Peck.....	500 00
<i>Kingston</i> .—Estate of Dianthe Dermont.....	28 57
<i>Maine</i> .—Estate of Lydia M. Gates.....	12 25
<i>Manchester</i> .—Estate of Polly Mitchell, Interest.....	19 00
<i>New York City</i> .—Estate of C. C. Crane, Sr.....	200 00
<i>Newport</i> .—Estate of Mrs. Ann Gook.....	100 00
<i>Sandy Hill</i> .—Estate of Lucy D. Smalley.....	124 86
<i>Truxton</i> .—Estate of Edward Negus, for F. F.....	1,500 00

NEW JERSEY.

<i>Bridgeton</i> .—Estate of John H. Flanagan.....	500 00
<i>Bridgeton</i> .—Estate of Narcissa B. Sleeper.....	18 70
<i>Burlington</i> .—Estate of Ann S. Price, Interest.....	75 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Peters Creek</i> .—Estate of Ann S. Benson.....	44 50
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WEST VIRGINIA.

<i>Petroleum</i> .—Estate of Mrs. Sarah Carder.....	76 57
<i>Wheeling</i> .—Estate of Evalina Warner.....	97 50

OHIO.

<i>Cleveland</i> .—Estate of R. P. Myers, per 1st Church.....	15 00
<i>Fredericktown</i> .—Estate of Louisa J. Bethel.....	700 00
<i>Wooster</i> .—Estate of Nancy Q. Larnill.....	13 74

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MICHIGAN.

Grand Rapids.—Estate of Isaac Butterfield..... 1,000 00

WISCONSIN.

Janesville.—Estate of James B. Crosby..... 1,282 02
Waukesha.—Estate of Mary W. Puffer..... 50 00

ILLINOIS.

Carpentersville.—Estate of Mrs. Anna Shaw Ellison..... 100 00
El Paso.—Estate of David Evans..... 100 00
Sublette.—Estate of Ellen H. Trowbridge..... 259 57
Warner.—Estate of Eleria R. Miller..... 139 10

IOWA.

Mount Ayr.—Estate of William Dunlap..... 142 15

INDIANA.

Raritan.—Estate of William Caldwell..... 20 00
 Total \$34,952 54

FOR ACCOUNT OF PERMANENT TRUST FUND.

Cambridgeport, Mass.—Estate of Josiah W. Cook..... 475 00
Holyoke.—Profit on sale of stock, received from Estate of
 Austin Merrick..... 26,576 88
Monongalia Co., W. Va.—Estate of Jarret Linch..... 10,647 44
 Total \$37,224 32

FOR ACCOUNT OF CHURCH EDIFICE BENEVOLENT INVESTMENT FUND.

Holyoke, Mass.—Profit on sale of stock received from
 Estate of Austin Merrick..... \$26,576 88
 Grand total..... \$99,288 82

MISSIONARY TABLE FOR 1898-99.

NAMES OF MISSION- ARIES, TEACHERS, &C.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	WEEKS OF LABOR.	CHURCHES AND OUT- STATIONS SUPPLIED.	SERMONS PREACHED.	PRAYER AND OTHER MEETINGS HELD.	FAMILIES OR PERSONS RELIGIOUSLY VISITED.	BIBLES AND TESTA- MENTS DISTRIBUTED.	PAGES OF TRACTS DISTRIBUTED.	BY BAPTISM.	ADDED TO CHURCH. BY LETTER OR EXPERIENCE.	NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS.	CHURCHES ORGANIZED	CHURCH EDIFICES ERECTED.	NUMBER OF SUNDAY- SCHOOLS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OR- GANIZED.	ATTENDANCE AT SUN- DAY-SCHOOLS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRI- BUTIONS.
MAINE.																	
Paul N. Cayer.....	French, Waterville.....	39	....	78	39	236	6	300	3	....	85	....	....	1	....	87	\$24 00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.																	
George G. Brien.....	French, Nashua.....	52	3	110	73	475	23	1610	6	....	22	....	....	1	....	36	127 30
Nels E. Nelson.....	Swedes, Manchester.....	56	2	173	77	206	....	....	2	5	82	....	....	1	....	65	575 83
Olof Lindh.....	Swedes, Concord.....	43	1	146	47	274	....	....	4	4	45	....	....	1	....	....	75 02
VERMONT.																	
Ariel B. Bellond.....	Italians, Barre.....	52	....	161	60	505	52	700	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	42	....
MASSACHUSETTS.																	
F. I. Hazlewood, D.D..	District Secretary, New England District.....	65	....	39	50	....	....	18000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
B. F. Benoit.....	French, Worcester County.....	39	....	120	58	450	64	14890	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
B. F. Benoit.....	French, Webster and vicinity.....	23	....	18	24	121	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Arthur St. James.....	French, Worcester.....	52	3	177	133	1176	30	2597	4	5	111	....	....	2	....	125	119 91
Eusebe Leger.....	French, Worcester and vicinity.....	13	....	7	40	200	21	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Eusebe Leger.....	French, Gospel Wagon Work.....	22	....	6	20	420	106	200	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
F. A. Perron.....	French, Gardner.....	52	2	119	43	934	95	3300	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	18	....
Gideon Aubin.....	French, Springfield and vicinity.....	9	....	16	8	300	4	6500	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
John C. Smith.....	French, Fall River.....	48	....	135	103	6770	167	81100	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Isaac La Fleur.....	French, Salem and vicinity.....	47	....	66	37	943	51	24000	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	58	6 00
Oscar Papineau.....	French, New Bedford.....	52	3	95	65	485	44	7953	7	4	38	....	....	1	...	43	11 00
Olivia Brouillette.....	French, Assistant, New Bedford.....	26	3	11	34	1087	100	3901	....	....	....	....	....	1	...	....	35 00
H. C. Senne.....	French, Marlboro.....	48	....	73	62	376	17	2754	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
C. L. Charron.....	French, Waltham.....	13	....	12	15	....	2	1200	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Isaac B. Le Claire.....	French, Lawrence.....	43	....	87	133	782	38	4236	2	1	14	....	....	....	....	....	....
Albert P. Rossier.....	French, Lowell.....	52	....	206	97	350	85	500	6	2	57	....	....	1	...	17	95 88
C. E. Johnson.....	French, Fitchburg and Leominster.....	34	14	72	34	339	...	...	...	...	17	....	....	1	...	....	1 00
	Swedes, General Missionary.....	48	....	175	92	350	37	1050	3	....	....	....	....	1	...	18	....

C. E. Johnson.....	Swedes, Cambridge.....	4	16	12	47	200	6	3	90	34	38 00
D. W. Myhrman.....	Swedes, Cambridge.....	26	5	79	90	200	12	6	94	75	253 25
P. A. England.....	Swedes, Quincy.....	52	1	171	146	194	1	5	121	1	70 75
A. O. Lawrence.....	Swedes, New Bedford.....	13	1	39	13	300	1	2	21	38	21 04
F. C. B. Silva.....	Portuguese, New Bedford.....	52	2	226	81	688	8	2	34	1	20 70
John A. Wiklund.....	Finn, Fitchburg and Worcester ..	39	1	132	107	760	2	5	22	1	134 169 35
Arnaldo Natino.....	Italians, Boston.....	17	1	180	30	16550	2	3	129	134	134 58
J. H. Bigger.....	Montville ch., Sandisfield.....	52	7	224	189	1333	17	825	87	65	134 58
Jesse Coker.....	Dalton.....	52	1	100	103	382	1	3	87	1	134 58
RHODE ISLAND.											
James N. Williams.....	French, General Missionary, New England States.....	52	1	91	50	670	211	5300	1	1	13 00
Napoleon N. Aubin.....	French, Woonsocket.....	48	1	130	48	2712	34	8200	1	1	34 296 55
J. P. Forsell.....	Swedes, Providence.....	52	1	217	80	481	13	16	119	30	3 52
Vincenzo di Domenica.....	Italians, Providence.....	39	1	184	110	966	5	700	1	1	3 52
CONNECTICUT.											
Charles A. Schlipf.....	Germans, Waterbury.....	52	3	116	132	1095	13	1650	63	73	193 62
H. L. Dietz.....	Germans, Bridgeport.....	26	1	56	43	200	1	10	55	29	21 97
F. J. Liljegren.....	Swedes, New Haven.....	17	1	52	29	104	1	1	50	36	91 50
John V. Vidberg.....	Swedes, Waterbury.....	31	2	95	140	236	5	6	36	28	128 50
Nils, Ek.....	Swedes, Waterbury.....	4	1	8	12	25	1	2	37	28	20 59
Nils, Ek.....	Swedes, Hartford.....	48	1	157	52	150	1	40	60	13	265 85
Forsten Claflard.....	Swedes, Meriden.....	26	2	80	28	142	1	1	87	50	160 13
William Kohler.....	Swedes, Meriden.....	21	2	82	54	215	5	4	86	1	50 163 24
Wilhelm Johanson.....	Swedes, New Britain.....	52	3	217	53	484	3006	7	109	62	408 35
Timothee Terreault.....	French, Putnam and Danvers.....	52	1	109	112	1430	44	11500	1	1	83 91 43
Pasquale de Carlo.....	Italians, Putnam and New Haven.....	52	1	207	107	523	159	404	2	18	33 50
A. F. Borgendahl.....	Swedes, Hartford.....	8	1	27	25	103	5	59	1	1	18 33 50
Mrs. Wm. Scott.....	Special Agent.....	45	1	27	25	103	5	59	1	1	18 33 50
NEW YORK.											
Dwight Spencer, D.D.....	District Secretary, New York District.....	52	1	29	29	1678	429	155000	6	1	269
Leopold Colon.....	Jews, Brooklyn.....	52	1	479	35	107	2	25	48	1	102 46 76
William Papenhausen.....	Germans, Steinway.....	35	1	116	58	544	2	620	2	1	124 131 55
John Stumpf.....	Germans, Tonawanda.....	52	13	78	66	157	7	2100	3	69	84 00
Frederick Herman.....	Germans, Buffalo.....	39	1	102	41	269	1	846	8	88	48 18
William Appel.....	Germans, Syracuse.....	39	1	102	41	269	1	846	8	88	48 18
J. H. Rexroth.....	Germans, Batavia.....	13	1	102	41	269	1	846	8	88	48 18
Joseph Antoszewski.....	Poles, Buffalo.....	48	1	111	75	1150	43	6546	5	23	114 41
Charles Streletz.....	Poles, Buffalo.....	48	1	111	75	1150	43	6546	5	23	114 41
Angelo Peruzzi.....	Italians, Buffalo.....	52	1	104	116	142	12	1000	3	18	85
Mrs. Angelina May.....	Italians, Buffalo.....	52	1	104	116	142	12	1000	3	18	85
	Italians, Buffalo.....	52	1	104	116	142	12	1000	3	18	85

† No reports received

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									By Baptism.	By Letter or Experience.							
Andrew P. Ekman.....	Swedes, New York City.....	52	1	127	49	355	100	1000	14	10	309	2	163	\$548 47
John Bjark.....	Swedes, Jamestown.....	52	2	189	63	220	1	927	2	8	97	.....	.....	1	.....	67	428 32
Yoshiaki Hirose.....	Japanese, Brooklyn.....	52	2	78	13	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss J. E. Magnoni.....	Italian Mission of Judson Memorial Church, New York City.....	8	.....	16	8	40	25	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	15	.....
F. M. Babcock.....	Superintendent Chinese Mission, New York City.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles Winter.....	Superintendent Chinese Mission, New York City.....	†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fung Yuet Mow.....	Pastor Chinese Mission, New York City.....	56	.....	198	1746	611	1	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1777	245 67
Tong Gow.....	Assistant Chinese Mission, New York City.....	†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chinn Loon.....	Assistant Chinese Mission, New York City.....	†	.....	8	12	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	1	.....	57	.....
Nelson Hedeon.....	Swedes, Brooklyn.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW JERSEY.																	
George A. Schulte.....	General Superintendent of German Missions.....	52	.....	116	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. C. Baum.....	Germans, Pligrim Church Jersey City.....	52	1	210	86	415	12	23200	5	2	24	.....	.....	1	.....	134	342 29
Frederick Knorr.....	Germans, First Church, Hoboken City.....	52	1	156	104	675	1	20000	7	.....	81	.....	.....	1	.....	105	24 00
Christ. H. Schmidt.....	Germans, Passaic.....	52	2	142	78	388	1	484	5	.....	63	.....	.....	2	1	91	79 91
Ludwig Rabe.....	Germans, Town of Union.....	26	2	78	70	268	1	571	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	2	.....	224	35 00
William Papenhausen.....	Germans, Town of Union.....	17	1	66	34	184	2	575	.....	.....	84	.....	.....	2	.....	219	31 80
J. P. Brunner.....	Germans, Paterson.....	13	.....	39	10	200	.....	750	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	1	.....	26	.....
J. M. Hoeftlin.....	Germans, Egg Harbor.....	52	1	111	119	414	.....	1333	4	.....	39	.....	.....	1	.....	74	92 26
E. H. Otto.....	Germans, Jamesburg.....	39	2	78	75	410	.....	304	4	.....	50	.....	.....	1	.....	57	55 54
William Kohler.....	Swedes, Arlington.....	26	2	83	29	96	.....	175	.....	.....	86	.....	.....	1	.....	84	186 04
J. V. Vidberg.....	Swedes, Arlington.....	21	2	95	55	91	.....	200	2	1	82	.....	.....	1	.....	84	186 04
O. J. Peterson.....	Swedes, Dover.....	52	2	159	96	232	.....	.....	.....	3	34	.....	.....	1	.....	48	150 00
Angelo di Domenico.....	Italians, Newark.....	52	.....	102	26	547	.....	.....	7	.....	35	.....	.....	1	.....	208	.....
J. de Hart.....	Hollanders, Paterson.....	39	4	118	70	320	15	600	5	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 90

† No reports received.

PENNSYLVANIA.		District Secretary, Philadelphia District.....	56	2	50	84	275	8	3127	3	6	57	2	70	52 75
Ethau B. Palmer, D.D....		Germans, Allegheny.....	52	1	26	27	50	1000	3	26	1	90	24 00		
F. W. Becker.....		Germans, Jeannette.....	13	1	26	27	50	1000	3	26	1	90	24 00		
John P. Westerberg.....		Swedes, Western Pennsylvania, New York and Eastern Ohio.....	52	6	220	64	329	2411	3	5	79	2	51	15 00	
Petrus Eljenholm.....		Swedes, Warren.....	52	6	203	136	476	237	4	1600	3	8	56	1	40
Sven Svenson.....		Swedes, Philadelphia.....	60	4	205	153	237	20	1	8	113	1	213	216 00	
A. A. Hammar.....		Swedes, McKeesport.....	52	3	176	133	184	15	5990						637 82
John Wallace.....		Wyoming Valley.....	13	4											
DELAWARE.															
Richard B. Cook.....		New Castle.....	39	1	118	26	80		2	1	49	1	69	34 00	
S. B. Overton.....		Milford.....	52	2	119	6	347			4	33	1	154	77 97	
John T. Plentky.....		Colored, Calvary Church, Dover.....	52	1	200	109	179		5	1	58	1	87	91 75	
Henry C. Jones.....		Colored, Eighth Street Church, Wilmington.....	52	1	156	48	565		234	2	67	1	106	96 74	
Victor Sandell.....		Swedes, Wilmington.....	52	1	135	126	377	5	100	2	47	1	67	89 48	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.															
N. C. Naylor.....		Maryland Ave. Ch., Washington.....	39	1	90	80	422		2600	9	8	129	1	277	528 82
*Geo. Rice Hovey, Pres.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	52	5	2	12									
*J. B. Simpson.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	39	2	1	10									
*J. D. Coleman.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	35	9	4	21									
*Marlet D. Barker.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	35	10	2										
*Miss M. H. Blackadar.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	35	2	3	15									
*Maggie D. Reese.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	4	3	1									
*J. R. L. Digs.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	1	1	2									
*A. F. Brewer.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	1	1	2									
*J. W. Barco.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	35	5											
*Cora L. Root.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*W. E. Robinson.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*S. L. Wade.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*S. H. Archer.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*Edward Short.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*Landonia E. Johnson.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*Emma A. Church.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*G. A. Ross.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*G. W. Gordon.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	9											
*A. Farley Brewer.....		Wayland Seminary, Washington.....	26	5											

* Teachers.

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		By Baptism.	By Letter or Experience.															
VIRGINIA.																		
P. S. Lewis.....	Colored, General Missionary.....	52	100	114	102	57551	102	114	102	57551	\$329 23
William Cousins.....	Colored, Dist. Missionary, East.....	52	108	134	269	10559	269	134	269	10559	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	492 04
F. P. Saunders.....	Colored, Dist. Missionary, West.....	57	120	61	74	4000	74	61	74	4000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	201 21
H. F. Weeden.....	Colored, Dist. Missionary, North.....	61	169	144	185	209	185	144	185	209	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	133 00
M. E. Gers.....	Ivanhoe.....	21	58	38	120	1000	120	38	120	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	203 00
B. F. McWilliams.....	Cape Charles, Eastern Shore.....	20	34	17	88	6	88	17	88	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	45 75
C. C. Boone.....	Max Meadows and Rural Retreat.....	21	2	49	1	72	1	49	1	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	28 54
J. W. Walker.....	Montreal and Nelson Courthouse.....	21	3	42	27	320	27	42	27	320	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	9 30
W. H. Stokes.....	Kelley.....	21	1	37	20	102	20	37	20	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	1 83
S. B. Holmes.....	Norfolk Union Association.....	19	62	21	23	1	23	21	23	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	19 67
J. H. Gadsden.....	Dublin.....	21	67	32	62	1	62	32	62	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. W. Kirby, D.D.....	Financial Agent.....	†	56	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Geo. E. Read, Prin.....	Spiller Academy, Hampton.....	52	56	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mary A. Tucker.....	Spiller Academy, Hampton.....	9	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Veola L. Guerrant.....	Spiller Academy, Hampton.....	26	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. A. E. Read.....	Spiller Academy, Hampton.....	26	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*G. W. Hayes.....	Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg.....	26	26	16	57	1	57	16	57	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*C. H. Corey, D.D., Pres.....	Richmond Theological Seminary.....	26	26	16	57	1	57	16	57	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*G. F. Genung.....	Richmond Theological Seminary.....	26	26	16	57	1	57	16	57	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*J. E. Jones, D.D.....	Richmond Theological Seminary.....	48	21	19	17	17	17	19	17	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*D. N. Vassar, D.D.....	Richmond Theological Seminary.....	52	33	33	9	9	9	33	9	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*L. B. Tefft, D.D., Pres.....	Harshorn Mem'l Coll., Richmond.....	35	35	35	43	43	43	35	43	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. H. A. Coleman.....	Harshorn Mem'l Coll., Richmond.....	35	35	35	43	43	43	35	43	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Belle J. Clark.....	Harshorn Mem'l Coll., Richmond.....	35	35	35	43	43	43	35	43	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Finnette Jewett.....	Harshorn Mem'l Coll., Richmond.....	35	35	35	43	43	43	35	43	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Elma G. Gowen.....	Harshorn Mem'l Coll., Richmond.....	35	35	35	43	43	43	35	43	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*J. Blanche Burgess.....	Harshorn Mem'l Coll., Richmond.....	26	26	16	57	1	57	16	57	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WEST VIRGINIA.																		
W. E. Powell.....	District Secretary, Kanawha Dis- trict.....	58	74	84	266	84100	266	84	266	84100	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	2	.....
Amos Robinson.....	Elkins.....	52	190	110	982	7319663	982	110	982	7319663	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	184 91
W. J. Eddy.....	Fairmount.....	52	139	51	1075	1417600	1075	51	1075	1417600	216	277 97

† No reports received.

* Teachers.

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									BY BAPTISM.	BY LETTER OR EXPERIENCE.							
NORTH CAROLINA.																	
*Belle L. Pettigrew.....	Roger Williams Univ., Nashville..	35	9	3	10	433	113	1680	\$236 57
*Irene Kann.....	Roger Williams Univ., Nashville..	9	1	1	1	208	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	615 32
*Belle C. Simmons.....	Roger Williams Univ., Nashville..	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*N. H. Pius.....	Bible and Normal Inst., Memphis..	35	21	.....	16	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	353 35
SOUTH CAROLINA.																	
*J. A. Whitted.....	Colored, General Missionary.....	52	.....	90	46	138	28	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*C. C. Somerville.....	Colored, Dist. Missionary, East....	52	.....	124	101	208	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	353 35
*A. B. Vincent.....	Colored, Dist. Missionary, Central..	52	.....	66	80	38	10	8950	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*P. F. Maloy.....	Colored, Dist. Missionary, West....	52	.....	87	62	88	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	353 35
*C. F. Meserve, Pres..	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	52	.....	7	7	8	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*N. F. Roberts.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*N. C. Bruce.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	6	6	158	28	615	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*M. D. Bowen.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*C. W. Jewett.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*A. W. Pegues.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	9	9	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*Ida J. Brown.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*Lavinia A. Haywood..	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*Charlotte Murray.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*Gilbert Tolman.....	Shaw University, Raleigh.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*C. S. Brown, Prin.....	Waters Normal Inst., Winton.....	35	.....	64	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*Cora B. Person.....	Waters Normal Inst., Winton.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*Mrs. C. S. Brown.....	Waters Normal Inst., Winton.....	9	.....	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
*Lizzie B. Edmonson...	Waters Normal Inst., Winton.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352 47
SOUTH CAROLINA.																	
H. M. Raiford.....	Colored, General Missionary.....	45	.....	145	52	36	.....	12300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	304 78
E. V. Gassaway.....	Colored, District Missionary.....	36	.....	62	46	115	55	2700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	315 42
J. W. Boyken.....	Colored, District Missionary.....	52	.....	125	32	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 85
John R. Wilson.....	Missionary Work.....	17	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 13
*A. C. Osborn, D.D., Pres.	Benedict College, Columbia.....	52	32	4
*H. E. Chester.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	9
* Teachers.																	

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*W. B. Kelsey.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	26	...	4	1
*John R. Wilson.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	35	...	7
*Mrs. J. R. Armstrong.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	35	...	3	...	...	...
*Miss H. A. Baton.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	35	...	24	...	...	...
*Mrs. E. H. Osborn.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*F. T. Knowles.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	35	...	2	3	4	25
*William Coleman.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	35	...	4	2	10	25
*Miss A. M. Pierson.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	35	...	35	...	...	...
*Henry A. Bleach.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	26	...	4	5	...	...
*Miss M. Ashton.....	Benedict College, Columbia.....	26	...	20	15	20	...
*Mrs. R. C. Mather.....	Mather School, Beaufort.....	35	...	15	40	2	50
*Miss S. E. Owen.....	Mather School, Beaufort.....	26	...	15	24	14	...
*Miss L. R. Kinsman.....	Mather School, Beaufort.....	35	...	13
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GEORGIA.							
F. M. Simmons.....	Educational Secretary.....	†
W. E. Holmes.....	Colored, District Missionary.....	9	...	15
*Miss H. E. Giles, Prin.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	32	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss L. H. Upton.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Mrs. E. M. Barrett.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss C. M. Grover.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	20
*Miss M. B. Peckham.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss H. C. McLeod.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss S. E. Mallory.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	25	6	...	...
*Miss M. J. Packard.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss Eugenie Shapleigh.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss C. H. Denslow.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss C. J. Smith.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss J. M. Stewart.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	13	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss M. E. Thomas.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	30	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss M. J. Williams.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss H. A. Howell.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	17	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss F. E. Leonard.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	50
*Miss C. E. Williams.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*Miss E. W. Waggoner.....	Spelman Seminary, Atlanta.....	35	...	...	...	...	...
*G. A. Goodwin.....	Walker Baptist Institute, Augusta.....	26	...	1	13	21	150
*Miss G. L. Palmer.....	Walker Baptist Institute, Augusta.....	35	...	2	62	...	...
*H. W. Curtright.....	Walker Baptist Institute, Augusta.....	26	...	...	...	...	1200
*Miss L. A. Lee.....	Walker Baptist Institute, Augusta.....	35	...	2	59	1	52
*Miss B. B. Lyons.....	Walker Baptist Institute, Augusta.....	35	...	...	...	...	42
E. P. Johnson.....	District Missionary, Colored.....	†	...	...	...	...	...
G. A. Goodwin.....	District Missionary, Colored.....	†	...	...	...	...	...
W. J. White, D. D.....	District Missionary, Colored.....	†
D. Crawford.....	District Missionary, Colored.....	†

*** Teachers.**

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									By Baptism.	By Letter or Experience.							
*George Sale, Pres.	Atlanta Baptist College.....	52	...	4
*W. E. Holmes.....	Atlanta Baptist College.....	43	...	15
*John W. Hubert.....	Atlanta Baptist College.....	9	...	4
*C. C. Smith.....	Atlanta Baptist College.....	13	...	1	...	10
*W. E. Marshall.....	Atlanta Baptist College.....	9
*John Hope.....	Atlanta Baptist College.....	26
*Mrs. M. B. McCreary...	Atlanta Baptist College.....	35	...	7	15
*Mrs. M. J. Hyde.....	Atlanta Baptist College.....	35
*W. B. Truesdell.....	Atlanta Baptist College.....	35
*Lulu E. Washington...	Americus Institute.....	26
*J. H. Brown, Prin.....	Jeruel Academy, Athens.....	52	7	...	200
*Virginia C. Jackson....	Jeruel Academy, Athens.....	35	...	2	...	2
*Della M. Richardson...	Jeruel Academy, Athens.....	35	5
*Martha A. Williams....	Jeruel Academy, Athens.....	35	10
FLORIDA.																	
*N. W. Collier, Prin.....	Florida Baptist Academy.....	52	...	32	...	40	...	1050
*Miss S. A. Blocker.....	Florida Baptist Academy.....	35	45
*G. P. McKinney.....	Florida Institute, Live Oak...	52	...	70	21	88	21	6100
*L. C. Jones.....	Florida Institute, Live Oak...	35	21	1
*S. Francis Wingfield....	Florida Institute, Live Oak...	35	38	26	...	75
ALABAMA.																	
C. O. Booth.....	Colored, District Missionary.....	39	...	78	43	57	1	3	\$216 10
W. R. Pettiford.....	Colored, District Missionary.....	37	...	69	45	37	290 06
*C. S. Dinkins, Pres....	Alabama Bapt. Col. Univ., Selma..	52	...	21	...	62
*C. L. Fisher.....	Alabama Bapt. Col. Univ., Selma..	9	...	12	...	3
*J. H. Wigington.....	Alabama Bapt. Col. Univ., Selma..	26	3	1
*W. T. Coleman.....	Alabama Bapt. Col. Univ., Selma..	35	...	14	...	27
*E. W. Knight.....	Alabama Bapt. Col. Univ., Selma..	35	18
*Ruth Haldrum.....	Alabama Bapt. Col. Univ., Selma..	35	14	7	1012

* Teachers.

MISSISSIPPI.									
B. J. Davis.....	Educational Secretary.....	52	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. G. Barrett, Pres.....	Jackson College.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. L. G. Barrett.....	Jackson College.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
P. H. Thompson.....	Jackson College.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Cora E. B. Jones.....	Jackson College.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Florence J. Grady.....	Jackson College.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Emily F. Ames.....	Jackson College.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. P. H. Thompson.....	Jackson College.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mary E. McIntosh.....	Jackson College.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Elizabeth W. Kenyon.....	Jackson College.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Bertha E. Davis.....	Jackson College.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Sarah P. Durkee.....	Jackson College.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mary A. Earl.....	Jackson College.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Genevieve C. Horsford.....	Jackson College.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LOUISIANA.									
*O. L. Coleman.....	Coleman Academy, Gibsland.....	52	13	.....	115	600	.....	.....	.....
*P. P. Mellon.....	Coleman Academy, Gibsland.....	9	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
*J. L. Crosslin.....	Coleman Academy, Gibsland.....	26	65	6	35	500	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. M. A. Coleman.....	Coleman Academy, Gibsland.....	9	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Alice Wilson.....	Coleman Academy, Gibsland.....	17	.....	2	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss L. A. Bryant.....	Coleman Academy, Gibsland.....	35	.....	2	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARKANSAS.									
J. H. Holke.....	Colored, General Missionary.....	52	142	28	98	2710	49	.....	527 40
*J. A. Booker, D.D.....	Arkansas Bapt. Col., Little Rock.....	52	22	8	12	1000	.....	3	.....
*E. Knox.....	Arkansas Bapt. Col., Little Rock.....	35	9	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Lillie L. Gibbs.....	Arkansas Bapt. Col., Little Rock.....	26	.....	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*J. Anna Hill.....	Arkansas Bapt. Col., Little Rock.....	9	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
TEXAS.									
F. G. Davis.....	Colored, General Missionary.....	52	103	21	14	12	3100	.....	.....
*Miss Mamie C. Jones.....	Houston Academy.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*C. N. Pryor.....	Houston Academy.....	26	25	12	96	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. C. N. Pryor.....	Houston Academy.....	26	.....	.....	2	20	.....	.....	.....
*J. H. Garnett.....	Houston Academy.....	9	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. J. H. Garnett.....	Houston Academy.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*J. F. Anderson, Prin.....	Hearne Academy.....	35	.....	13	31	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss M. E. Anderson.....	Hearne Academy.....	26
*Julia H. Bate.....	Hearne Academy.....	9
*J. S. Stubbs.....	Hearne Academy.....	26	20	24

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									By Baptism.	By Letter or Experience.							
*N. Wolverton, Pres....	Bishop College, Marshall....	26	13	2	10	1	3150	9	1	71	220 05						
*Albert Loughridge, Pres....	Bishop College, Marshall....	26	18	8	40	1	5250	1	1	33	144						
*E. K. Chandler, D.D....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35	20			971	29	60	1	50	44						
*M. S. K. Chandler....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35				50				56	78						
*J. R. E. Lee....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35				156	2	550	4	3	56						
*Jestie Davidson....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35				280	5	804		2							
*Hannah Pearson....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35															
*Mrs. M. E. Maine....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35															
*Mrs. A. E. Gardner....	Bishop College, Marshall....	26															
*Cora E. B. Jones....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35															
*Mrs. D. E. Harvey....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35															
*Hattie J. Finney....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35															
*N. Alexander....	Bishop College, Marshall....	9															
*J. G. Osborne....	Bishop College, Marshall....	26															
*W. S. Willis....	Bishop College, Marshall....	9															
*A. C. Rice....	Bishop College, Marshall....	26															
*J. B. Watson....	Bishop College, Marshall....	35															
OHIO.																	
S. A. Nelson....	First Swede Church, Cleveland....	52	2	137	59	177	1	3150	9	1	71						
W. F. Raebel....	Germans, Toledo....	52	2	194	124	971	29	5250	1	1	33						
Ludwig Von Lanyi....	Germans, Massillon....	13	1	26	26	50					50						
Henry Sellhorn....	Germans, Canton and Massillon....	26	2	76	41	156	2	550	4	3	56						
F. P. Kruse....	Germans, Mission of First Church, Cleveland....	39	4	140	71	280	5	804		2							
MICHIGAN.																	
E. H. E. Jameson, D.D....	District Secretary, Lake District	52		66	35												
Mrs. E. G. Wheeler....	Special Agent....	4		3													
Henry Becker....	Germans, Third Church, Detroit....	52	1	113	83	310	17	550	3	3	106						
George Bornschlegel....	Germans, Alpena....	52	2	165	102	330	7	2250	2	2	40						
J. J. Berger....	Germans, Montague....	22	1	47	40					2	58						

* Teachers.

J. E. Stirling.....	22	1	68	24	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	53	.....	.....	.....	114	65 13
Hancock.....	52	2	115	68	521	1	2400	.....	.....	1	5	19	.....	.....	49	134 89
Immanuel Church, Iron Mountain.....	43	1	89	59	487	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	39	.....	.....	98	119 13
Calvary Church, Iron Mining.....	52	1	105	60	512	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	49	.....	.....	172	97 64
Ludington	13	3	40	24	90	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	2	74	.....	.....	68	20 62
Danes and Norwegians, General Missionary.....	52	.....	166	65	526	17	795	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Swedish Conference.....	17	.....	98	.....	122	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. A. Arlander.....	39	3	132	62	326	.....	.....	4	3	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	101 25
R. A. Clint.....	13	4	36	12	72	3	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	108	59 10
John Hedeen.....	26	1	84	43	120	.....	.....	4	3	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	75 26
S. E. Nelson.....	26	3	101	63	177	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	52	.....	.....	78	158 26
Harold Nielson.....	26	1	119	44	165	.....	.....	2	2	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	116 72
C. A. Anderson.....	26	1	119	44	165	.....	.....	2	2	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	116 72
INDIANA.																
District Secretary, Wabash District.....	52	.....	34	20	.....	304103	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedes, La Porte.....	52	3	180	90	323	13	1877	.....	2	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	92 24
Germans, Evansville.....	39	3	168	49	661	.....	14709	1	.....	86	43	.....	.....	.....	87	86 43
ILLINOIS.																
District Secretary, Chicago District.....	52	.....	97	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago.....	52	.....	97	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Germans, Waukegan Avenue Church, Chicago.....	43	1	82	43	89	.....	1406	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116	.....
Germans, Humboldt Park, Chicago.....	50	2	189	59	816	5	580	8	17	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	359 29
Germans, Third Church, Chicago.....	43	3	111	68	247	5	900	4	4	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	135 00
Germans, Joliet.....	52	4	145	64	837	6	2200	.....	1	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	153 88
Germans, Quincy.....	13	1	41	17	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	162	22 50
Germans, Bloomington.....	13	2	50	17	70	2	800	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	25 00
Germans, Green Garden and Monie.....	13	1	23	.....	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	8 50
Germans, Pekin.....	13	1	41	15	202	.....	480	.....	.....	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	137	.....
Germans, Third Church, Chicago.....	13	1	19	16	70	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedes, Morris.....	52	2	142	92	236	.....	.....	1	1	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	69 42
Swedes, Austin.....	26	1	82	40	118	.....	200	2	3	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	259 03
Swedes, Salem Church, Chicago.....	52	1	207	63	344	.....	500	.....	.....	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	240 22
Swedes, Waukegan.....	13	.....	56	33	71	.....	100	6	1	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	129 25
Swedes, Waubesa.....	13	1	36	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	31 50
Swedes, DeKalb.....	13	1	102	56	155	.....	150	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	134 85
Swedes, Berwyn.....	60	2	172	66	375	.....	1175	2	10	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	404 08
Swedes, Humboldt Park, Chicago.....	22	1	75	27	176	.....	350	2	.....	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	181	392 17
Swedes, Humboldt Park, Chicago.....	26	1	98	58	212	.....	400	.....	5	103	.....	.....	.....	.....	205	293 27

R. W. Hobbs.....	52	4	185	182	663	.....	.....	6	12	137	.....	4	.....	369	634 83
H. E. Hoare.....	26	2	83	46	183	.....	8	2	2	140	.....	2	.....	253	131 20
H. E. Hoare.....	52	2	88	45	167	10	30	2	1	138	.....	2	.....	256	108 25
V. S. Phillips.....	52	2	114	93	285	6	.....	.....	2	27	.....	1	.....	54	57 80
C. D. Mayhew.....	13	2	32	26	150	.....	.....	1	.....	38	.....	2	.....	108	5 00
W. J. Coburn.....	13	2	37	13	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	46	19 00
Paul Brown.....	13	2	27	13	64	.....	.....	1	.....	38	.....	1	.....	46	18 25
K. A. Myers.....	26	1	52	26	323	.....	.....	.....	3	34	.....	3	.....	117	46 64
Theodore Hansen.....	13	1	26	12	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	1	.....	20	9 00
I. C. Johnson.....	14	1	30	12	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	.....	1	.....	68	14 50
John Johnson.....	26	1	46	26	145	9	500	4	3	56	.....	1	.....	59	51 53
E. G. Hawley.....	13	3	29	13	150	.....	.....	2	1	80	.....	2	.....	110	60 50
S. A. Beman.....	13	3	44	25	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	2	.....	132	.....
F. W. Swift.....	13	5	35	3	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	1	.....	44	52 84
W. M. Hoare.....	26	5	82	38	193	.....	.....	.....	82	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
F. O. Carlson.....	52	.....	263	46	688	21	206	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. H. Henningsen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missionary.....	13	.....	50	4	155	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedes, District Missionary.....	26	.....	140	33	130	.....	60	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedes, Prentice.....	26	3	81	29	130	.....	.....	5	.....	80	.....	2	.....	78	63 23
Swedes, Prentice.....	13	2	45	22	138	.....	25	.....	2	79	.....	1	.....	60	99 72
Swedes, District Missionary.....	13	.....	71	13	185	.....	1600	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 19
Danes and Norwegians, Camp Douglas and vicinity.....	26	6	76	39	172	.....	100	.....	.....	47	.....	2	.....	65	49 56
Swedes, Wood Lake.....	39	2	124	49	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	3	.....	66	39 56
Swedes, Grantsburg and Wood River.....	52	3	175	116	220	4	486	.....	4	125	.....	3	1	113	150 91
Swedes, West Superior.....	52	3	189	125	517	.....	.....	5	4	92	.....	2	.....	110	241 58
Swedes, Ogema.....	26	1	86	33	165	3	217	5	3	88	.....	1	.....	50	75 84
Swedes, Ramelander.....	17	5	55	33	136	.....	.....	3	2	23	.....	1	.....	26	47 52
Swedes, Brannon.....	17	2	45	27	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	2	.....	45	24 75
Theodore Hansen.....	52	3	104	26	295	1	16	20	.....	116	.....	1	.....	75	38 65
Magnus Johnson.....	52	3	193	60	348	.....	.....	8	19	110	.....	3	.....	53	159 50
S. P. Kjellen.....	13	4	52	17	97	36	.....	2	.....	22	.....	2	.....	52	.....
Swedes, Rice Lake.....	13	2	46	13	85	.....	.....	8	1	35	.....	3	.....	279	16 00
Germans, La Crosse.....	39	1	86	99	252	4	700	1	2	61	.....	1	.....	101	148 60
Germans, Sheboygan.....	13	1	27	20	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	1	.....	29	2 00
Columbus.....	13	2	36	13	110	.....	.....	1	1	206	.....	1	.....	154	23 54
Marquette.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MINNESOTA.															
O. A. Williams, D.D.....	52	.....	60	42	270	.....	95,950	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
E. R. Pope.....	52	.....	102	36	291	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	600 00
General Missionary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

MINNESOTA.

Superintendent of Missions, Upper Mississippi District.....

General Missionary.....

MISSIONARY TABLE.

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Adolph Carlson.....	Danes, Gilmore and Humboldt.....	52	3	131	56	181	5	894	3	1	70	2	73	\$314 67
Gottlieb Heide.....	German Association of Iowa.....	52	.....	158	19	276	5	850	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	19	.....
Carl Swyer.....	Germans, Allison and Hitesville.....	17	.....	52	7	132	.....	85	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	1	.....	19	90
D. B. Livingston.....	Calvary Church, Sioux City.....	39	1	63	42	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	1	.....	86	25 50
Arthur F. Howell.....	Walnut Street Church, Burlington.	39	1	71	37	269	.....	.....	1	4	86	.....	.....	2	.....	110	44 70
Howard Bellman.....	Clear Lake.....	39	2	109	49	195	3	90	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	1	.....	97	103 72
W. A. Nelson.....	Doon.....	39	2	104	41	218	7	340	26	.....	78	.....	.....	1	.....	138	51 78
G. L. Allen.....	Harlan.....	39	1	76	48	60	.....	.....	5	.....	95	.....	.....	1	.....	164	152 56
Charles Brathwaite.....	Le Mars.....	39	1	99	62	371	.....	350	3	.....	114	.....	.....	1	.....	75	50 37
L. R. Thomas.....	Clarinda.....	35	1	87	40	280	2	1100	3	7	29	.....	.....	1	.....	46	67 47
H. H. Alger.....	Pomeroy.....	39	1	105	28	137	.....	32	2	.....	123	.....	.....	1	.....	106	71 86
H. F. Tibbits.....	Correctionville.....	52	2	106	60	175	4	.....	.....	.....	126	.....	.....	1	.....	108	51 52
John Hastie.....	Ottumwa.....	26	3	88	24	30	.....	.....	.....	5	67	.....	.....	1	.....	99	27 70
Amos Weaver.....	Greenfield.....	39	1	52	32	108	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	.....	.....	2	.....	143	20 10
Amos Weaver.....	Afton and Greenfield.....	13	2	33	16	100	.....	116	.....	.....	72	.....	.....	1	.....	64	22 96
W. Allen.....	Decorah.....	13	2	26	12	96	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	125	54 90
J. D. Collins.....	Eddyville.....	13	1	43	22	80	.....	3000	2	.....	74	.....	.....	3	.....	111	13 83
J. W. Oliver.....	Columbus Junction.....	39	3	65	26	90	.....	744	3	.....	90	.....	.....	1	.....	59	73 32
G. A. Bryant.....	Carlisle.....	39	2	85	32	212	7	.....	.....	.....	106	.....	.....	2	.....	52	22 32
W. H. Bryant.....	Eldon.....	13	3	31	21	70	.....	80	.....	.....	76	.....	.....	1	.....	56	40 30
W. H. Dorward.....	Woodbine.....	13	1	35	20	186	.....	80	3	.....	44	.....	.....	1	.....	50	44 27
E. F. Lilley.....	Corwith.....	18	1	40	21	44	.....	50	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	1	.....	34	121 65
W. H. Dorward.....	Crystal Lake.....	9	1	23	4	204	4	.....	.....	.....	74	.....	.....	2	.....	130	71 20
H. E. Nielson.....	Siratford.....	48	3	143	63	325	5	350	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. B. Nordberg.....	Rolle.....	52	3	171	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. G. Wright.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MISSOURI.		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. N. Bouey.....	Colored, General Missionary.....	52	.....	214	92	162	7	566	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 52
John Goins.....	Colored, District Missionary, West	52	.....	173	100	253	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 47
W. H. Mueller.....	Germans, Alma.....	22	2	46	10	80	.....	.....	23	59	55	.....	.....	1	.....	57	27 00
*E. L. Scruggs, D.D.....	Western College, Macon.....	52	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*A. S. Green.....	Western College, Macon.....	35	.....	3	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*E. H. Borden.....	Western College, Macon.....	26	7
*M. F. Lewis.....	Western College, Macon.....	35	4	50

* Teachers.

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J. G. Brendel.....	Stillwell and Old Baptist Mission..	52	4	171	37	123	...	24	7	14	189	4	1	218			\$123 96
I. C. Archley.....	Nowata	39	5	94	34	425	...	3	3	2	13	3	2	137			39 75
I. P. Metcalf.....	Coalgate	13	3	68	3	40	...	...	5	5	13	3	2	137			9 00
W. B. Merrill.....	Coalgate and vicinity	21	2	29	...	61	...	150	...	...	56	3	1	44			88 63
H. R. Best.....	Chickasha	39	2	155	7	...	...	200	3	12	88	1	1	76			62 05
L. O. Hudson.....	Calvary Church, Miami	52	1	119	36	345	12	1000	...	10	61	1	1	132			62 05
W. R. Chandler.....	Paul's Valley	17	2	29	4	60	...	...	6	4	18	1	1	82			12 00
Moses Ridge.....	Indians, Cherokee Association	13	2	13	3	17	...	...	...	...	39	1	1	70			31 50
D. C. Yeager.....	Krebs	13	2	13	3	17	...	...	...	...	39	1	1	70			31 50
*J. H. Scott, Pres.....	Indian University, Bacone	35	...	32	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*G. E. Myers.....	Indian University, Bacone	39	...	2	9	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Florence M. Scott.....	Indian University, Bacone	39	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Elizabeth B. Jacobus.....	Indian University, Bacone	39	...	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Annie Rathbun.....	Indian University, Bacone	39	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Martha Gilmore.....	Indian University, Bacone	30	...	...	30	18	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Elson Thayer.....	Indian University, Bacone	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Louise Rollins.....	Indian University, Bacone	30	...	...	2	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Minnie M. Pratt.....	Indian University, Bacone	39	...	...	5	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Harriett Blackstone.....	Indian University, Bacone	39	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*E. H. Rishel, Prin.....	Indian University, Bacone	52	...	5	10	67	35	900	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Ella M. Rishel.....	Atoka Academy	39	...	...	3	33	14	2200	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Blanche Willis.....	Atoka Academy	39	...	...	3	47	2	1200	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Mary Horney.....	Atoka Academy	39	...	...	8	151	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*J. C. Park, Prin.....	Cherokee Academy, Tablequah.....	52	...	...	...	89	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Mrs. J. C. Park.....	Cherokee Academy, Tablequah.....	22	...	...	1	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Orcelia Glass.....	Cherokee Academy, Tablequah.....	26	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Mary E. Miner.....	Cherokee Academy, Tablequah.....	26	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
OKLAHOMA TERRI- TORY.		39	...	68	31	385	...	...	4	...	...	1	1	...			164 10
L. J. Dyke.....	General Missionary.....	39	...	...	...	230	49	1570	...	25	...	...	...	...			3 29
J. W. Dunfee.....	Colored, District Missionary, East	36	...	93	42			2 00
H. P. Wigley.....	Colored, District Missionary, Cen- tral	22	...	44	21	18	4	4		2 00

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William Wilbur.....	District Missionary, Southwest.....	52	272	48	679	500	9	10	1	\$143 77										
J. H. Van Len.....	Colored, General Missionary.....	52	208	95	220	2000	19	349 08										
C. A. Bobeg.....	Swede, District Missionary.....	26	10	140	39	279	32 50										
August Johnson.....	Swede, District Missionary.....	26	10	130	54	34	2700	160	219 32										
Rudolph Klitzing.....	Germans, Dorranee.....	52	4	177	70	334	5100	2	3	132	3	63	175 42										
John Schuff.....	Germans, Topeka.....	52	1	182	76	846	3	2178	5	25	1	80	96 85										
J. A. Pankratz.....	Germans, Hillsboro.....	52	1	107	17	133	1000	11	10	92	2	20 00										
Gustav Peitsch.....	Germans, District Missionary.....	13	11	39	22	102	1000	2	81	22 79										
J. J. Griffin.....	Garden City and vicinity.....	13	5	39	15	75	6	1	100	2	188 52 00										
Albert Foltz.....	Lyons and vicinity.....	52	3	174	51	231	50	3	35	1	106	23 81										
Ira H. Clemens.....	Dighton and vicinity.....	26	5	69	39	110	25	5	68	3	106	108 28										
F. H. Hughes.....	Long Island.....	26	4	120	48	90	100	9	1	133	4	102	39 16										
F. H. Leonard.....	Chanute.....	26	3	68	36	243	200	30	15	112	1	77	66 15										
F. H. Hughes.....	Junction City.....	26	3	68	36	243	54	2	102										
J. S. Hendricks.....	Vakeeney and vicinity.....	13	5	39	14	135	79	4	12 00										
Jerry Hurt.....	New Hope and vicinity.....	26	5	54	48	80	5	2	5	4	78	37 05										
W. B. Bradshaw.....	Hutchinson.....	26	3	73	29	480	1	50	10	90	1	140	31 66										
W. E. Tanner.....	Neodesha.....	26	3	83	39	500	1	85	1	118	80 50										
W. R. Newman.....	Neodesha.....	26	3	83	39	500	85	1	45	34 10										
W. H. Williams.....	Weir City.....	26	2	54	19	59	2	6	1	112	1	88	16 20										
C. L. Taylor.....	Concordia.....	13										
C. F. McMann.....	Concordia.....	52	1	118	70	430	12	16	110	1	142	120 00										
A. J. Essex.....	Galena.....	26	1	69	23	347	12	6	80	1	182	20 10										
E. G. Boyer.....	Republic City.....	26	3	71	29	275	75	100	1	5	125	3	191	105 32										
I. S. Cossairt.....	Rosedale.....	13	1	27	16	105	1	1	70	1	131	53 25										
W. S. Carr.....	Erie.....	52	3	178	61	320	13	14	93	1	48	18 02										
W. E. Powell.....	North Ottawa.....	50	5	186	50	55	13	26	128	1	137	57 30										
Fred Eaton.....	Burr Oak.....	26	3	72	30	100	600	1	2	119	16 90										
A. D. Lewis.....	Arkansas City.....	13	1	29	13	108	155	1	104	17 00										
J. M. Robinson.....	Wallace and vicinity.....	26	4	76	31	68	5	94	68	3	116	20 28										
D. G. Daily.....	La Cygne and vicinity.....	52	3	118	43	595	18	7	56	1	57	30 67										
E. E. Hatch.....	Clyde.....	13	1	26	13	30	2	1	86	15 25										
G. K. Gilluly.....	Colby and vicinity.....	26	4	76	28	84	81	1	59	96 98										
J. M. Tate.....	Chanute.....	13	2	25	13	80	100	2	5	65	1	83	10 31										

† Retainer, but no report received.

J. W. Megan.....	26	3	62	27	86	.....	2	.....	138	.....	3	.....	171	29 50
G. W. Shepard.....	13	28	60	12	30	.....	6	.....	54	.....	2	.....	40	9 00
D. P. Randall.....	52	4	185	52	332	33	189	.....	74	.....	2	.....	53	25 38
A. E. Goodman.....	26	2	59	24	265	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	1	.....	40	14 00
B. H. Moore.....	26	2	83	48	875	.....	4396	.....	134	.....	1	.....	135	117 22
D. L. Parker.....	50	1	112	70	500	.....	.....	.....	179	.....	1	.....	67	99 00
A. B. Roberts.....	52	5	175	70	170	.....	.....	.....	110	.....	2	.....	130	113 00
J. M. Robinson.....	17	4	67	17	83	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	1	.....	52	6 29
J. S. Umberger.....	26	3	73	23	100	10	160	.....	30	.....	1	.....	45	15 25
Malcolm Wood.....	52	2	73	57	438	12	1000	.....	37	.....	2	.....	83	80 86
Robert Cox.....	52	4	152	39	395	.....	.....	.....	72	.....	3	.....	83	74 59
H. V. Plummer.....	52	1	199	70	137	4	50	.....	77	.....	1	.....	77	132 07
T. W. Greene.....	26	3	80	35	134	.....	.....	.....	63	.....	3	.....	59	23 77
T. W. Greene.....	26	4	56	36	50	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	3	.....	112	32 02
J. A. Harris.....	26	2	96	44	64	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	2	.....	115	68 50
G. W. Hart.....	26	35	86	34	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	30	.....
T. E. Pierce.....	26	1	88	66	62	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	1	.....	49	37 76
H. P. Fuller.....	26	2	57	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	.....	1	.....	69	4 88
G. W. Shepard.....	13	1	10	13	20	4	100	.....	82	.....	1	.....	31	37 00
C. A. Parry.....	13	1	33	27	38	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	1	.....	31	6 75
A. D. Phelps.....	13	1	34	7	87	14	200	.....	35	.....	1	.....	50	32 15
C. A. Parter.....	17	1	33	17	325	.....	.....	.....	74	.....	1	.....	102	11 00
T. J. Elkins.....	13	3	45	13	50	.....	50	.....	100	.....	2	.....	85	5 05
N. B. Raidsen.....	34	.....	127	62	191	.....	14,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. B. Raidsen.....	21	.....	41	43	351	.....	3000	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
F. M. Williams.....	61	128	49	634	634	.....	2785	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2620	66
W. W. Theobald.....	39	149	33	205	11	1250	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	186	36
J. H. Davis.....	30	265	28	454	80	2200	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	362	26
S. C. Green.....	22	79	16	162	162	.....	504	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	362	26
L. W. Terry.....	22	93	9	486	2	1641	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	362	26
A. O. Arnauld.....	74	457	103	48	52	954	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	214	24
Peter Lovene.....	61	1	218	92	699	2	1776	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	18 50
C. E. Denham.....	61	7	98	47	36	.....	.....	.....	84	.....	3	.....	82	90
H. P. Anderson.....	61	2	193	73	92	.....	175	.....	51	.....	1	.....	41	133 20
Rasmus Christensen.....	39	3	116	41	249	11	135	.....	21	.....	2	.....	61	54 50
August Boelter.....	52	1	108	90	412	7	775	.....	47	.....	2	.....	104	173 05

NEBRASKA.

Superintendent of Missions, Cen-

tral District.....

Superintendent of Missions, Trans-

Mississippi Division.....

General Missionary.....

District Missionary, South.....

State Evangelist.....

North of Platte River.....

South of Platte River.....

Swedes, District Missionary.....

Swedes, South Omaha.....

Swedes, Gothenburg.....

Swedes, Omaha.....

Danes, Dainebrog.....

Germans, Omaha.....

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August Marquardt.....	Germons, Beatrice and Jansen.....	52	3	175	35	419	8	398	11	107	147	\$104 70
O. K. Schroeder.....	Germons, Platteville.....	52	2	150	45	232	4	140	2	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	220 01
Hermann Grasenick.....	Germons, Glenville.....	52	2	117	44	595	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....
Gustav Peitsch.....	Germons, Humphrey.....	30	2	59	54	153	.....	520	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	66 50
J. S. Hadden.....	Broken Bow.....	26	2	63	13	134	23	684	12	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	32 76
J. W. Megan.....	Broken Bow.....	13	3	65	10	40	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	44 00
T. F. Schlosser.....	Ponca.....	39	3	109	38	515	14	.....	.....	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	117 10
J. L. Hedblom.....	Stromsburg.....	69	1	129	55	690	.....	825	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	110 00
G. W. Sheator.....	McCook.....	13	1	31	24	72	.....	200	.....	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	8 00
I. L. Keiman.....	Long Pine.....	47	2	156	87	588	.....	2260	17	182	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	118 28
A. J. Crockett.....	Fall City.....	20	2	110	56	380	.....	.....	9	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	20 00
Richard Richards.....	Beatrice.....	52	2	125	78	120	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	30 50
L. W. Terry.....	Falls City.....	39	1	97	35	84	5	3550	12	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	93 35
H. W. Davis.....	Lomax and vicinity.....	44	2	96	35	260	.....	.....	10	186	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	93 20
J. N. Funk.....	Auburn.....	26	3	58	.....	120	.....	1247	3	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	32 24
F. H. Cooper.....	Hebron.....	30	1	65	41	110	.....	.....	5	148	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	37 65
C. F. Thompson.....	Chadron.....	30	3	118	54	532	2	2000	12	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	171	110 26
G. L. Sharp.....	Sterling.....	44	1	97	38	153	.....	.....	7	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	67 14
W. T. Elmore.....	Syracuse.....	17	3	28	15	30	30	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	12 00
T. G. Pearce.....	Grace Church, Omaha.....	35	1	60	34	111	.....	100	3	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	30 00
J. O. Staples.....	Nelson.....	13	1	26	26	113	1	.....	3	112	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	21 00
W. W. Thompson.....	Gering and vicinity.....	35	2	119	53	186	.....	.....	7	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	118	81 80
W. L. Troyer.....	Norfolk.....	13	6	37	13	49	3	56	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	61
W. H. Eaton.....	Superior.....	56	2	182	70	784	.....	.....	11	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	176	188 49
D. D. Haggard.....	Genève.....	62	1	129	59	548	.....	.....	3	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	43 95
S. D. Badger.....	Red Cloud.....	50	2	96	72	416	.....	399	10	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	72 43
I. W. Edson.....	Alliance.....	52	1	116	75	495	200	2	6	94	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	126 86
J. W. Atteberry.....	Gandy and vicinity.....	52	1	100	47	209	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	166	59 45
J. J. Clifton.....	David City.....	21	3	63	27	55	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50
A. J. Crockett.....	Tecumseh.....	8	1	15	7	50	.....	.....	.....	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	15 25
W. W. Theobald.....	Loup City.....	21	1	46	26	130	800	4	164	111	75 92
A. H. Shattuck.....	Loup City.....	13	1	35	15	30	3	35	106	51 09

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C. C. Caldwell.....	Spirit Mound.....	13	1	25	13	15	15	2	45	96	\$23 50
Christ. Peterson.....	Turkey Valley.....	17	2	52	14	57	20	30	13	39 95
O. G. Newgren.....	Vernon.....	13	4	45	13	20	20	.....	2	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	2 40
C. H. Ekblad.....	Sun Prairie.....	19	1	46	18	55	12	.....	1	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	60 53
L. P. Valentine.....	Egan and Trent.....	13	2	37	10	187	7	400	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	34 20
Christ. Larsen.....	Spring Valley.....	13	2	52	13	61	.....	800	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	97
NORTH DAKOTA.																	
J. B. Sundt.....	Norwegian, District Missionary.....	52	.....	213	11	375	15	200	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118 60
L. W. Linder.....	Swedes, Fargo.....	39	3	120	93	268	22	25	5	2	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	136	362 73
H. A. Sother.....	Scandinavians, Grand Forks.....	26	1	80	28	156	.....	1000	.....	2	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	98 00
O. Sutherland.....	Swedes, Rutland.....	26	3	111	37	234	.....	800	7	2	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	63 80
N. J. Thornquist.....	Swedes, Bismarck.....	26	3	85	19	74	.....	.....	11	1	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	25 00
N. J. Thornquist.....	Swedes, Coal Harbor and Slaughter Norwegians, Vang and vicinity.....	26	4	83	20	60	.....	.....	.....	2	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
E. P. Johnson.....	Norwegians, Hope, Beaulieu and Leam.....	26	5	104	52	145	2	306	1	2	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	37 20
C. J. Hill.....	Norwegians, St. Thomas and Edin- burg.....	26	4	114	57	179	17	294	11	4	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	114 55
Ole Larson.....	Norwegians, Hillsboro.....	26	4	134	55	375	4	150	10	7	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	41 00
C. W. Finwall.....	Norwegians, Fargo.....	52	2	168	61	239	1	684	.....	5	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	137 54
Lewis Rasmussen.....	Scandinavians, Valley City.....	52	3	169	109	332	3	30	11	3	104	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	330 90
A. T. Newcomb.....	Graton.....	52	4	98	24	36	3	230	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. R. Euslin.....	Minto.....	52	2	133	52	18	.....	.....	.....	1	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	136	89 30
F. H. Hewitt.....	Ellendale.....	26	2	75	26	81	3	400	2	2	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	117	70 00
L. B. Hardy.....	Jamestown.....	26	2	62	60	267	.....	.....	.....	2	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	59 40
Cyrus Sullivan.....	Aneta.....	52	1	115	49	360	10	140	3	8	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	111 07
A. H. Carman.....	Fairmount.....	52	2	129	35	110	.....	900	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	25 25
G. H. Davies.....	Wahpeton.....	52	1	121	50	100	.....	750	3	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	145 75
E. A. Vallant.....	St. Thomas and Cavalier.....	52	2	164	51	177	.....	.....	.....	5	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	46 34
T. H. Robertson.....	Langdon.....	26	3	64	35	200	.....	.....	6	1	124	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	71 00
John Smithers.....	Griggs.....	52	9	129	101	308	.....	.....	14	8	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	89	25 00
John Smithers.....	Cooperstown.....	26	4	67	25	71	.....	60	.....	2	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	44 00
John Smithers.....	Cooperstown.....	26	3	57	25	97	.....	.....	6	4	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	57 50

J. R. Hall.....	39	3	93	38	220	576	29	1	57	98 46
C. C. Williams.....	52	4	102	40	586	1500	39	3	115	74 26
M. C. McLean.....	26	2	80	70	75	.....	18	1	70	41 40
D. C. Nimmo.....	26	2	52	52	15	254	1	1	45	9 00
L. M. Stolberg.....	20	7	83	25	82	.....	4	2	66	15 00
R. T. Guernsey.....	21	1	37	20	54	.....	.....	1	54	14 47
F. W. Golling.....	52	6	178	68	320	2000	8	3	108	143 62
Emil Muller.....	39	2	122	59	196	.....	62	1	43	61 75
Jacob Herman.....	32	4	120	33	248	1480	4	2	131	125 30
Robert Fenske.....	26	5	66	29	92	315	45	3	68	69 60
John Reichert.....	52	10	303	59	675	43	3525	1	212	304 00
August Kludt.....	13	6	40	4	49	342	5	1	78	41 34
E. H. Hall.....	11	2	27	30	68	.....	1	2	100	12 00
Peter Mitchell.....	26	1	62	26	60	.....	67	1	54	12 50
MONTANA.										
L. G. Clark.....	13	.....	25	10	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 71
General Missionary, Montana and South Idaho.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. G. Clark.....	39	.....	89	49	280	60,000	.....	.....	.....	115 36
T. G. Atteberry.....	30	1	63	33	300	.....	8	1	167	103 90
M. L. Rickman.....	52	1	115	46	652	2	516	3	83	219 17
J. A. Jenkins.....	52	1	163	117	357	74	200	2	92	283 50
Henry Van Engelen.....	39	1	83	40	216	.....	4	5	87	75 75
William Remington.....	52	1	92	75	464	2	2700	2	159	113 35
H. F. Cope.....	26	4	69	31	350	1	.....	5	122	120 00
J. W. Falls.....	48	2	120	60	284	2	.....	4	101	82 26
Kalispell.....	52	1	96	46	340	.....	4	4	128	127 23
Missoula.....	30	7	104	31	174	.....	3	13	149	15 25
Hamilton, Stevensville, and vicinity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Billings, Montana, and Big Horn Basin, Wyoming.....	26	.....	47	20	227	2	5700	1	.....	15 00
Swedes, Anaconda and vicinity.....	36	3	174	55	290	.....	3	2	55	68 50
Swedes, Great Falls.....	26	.....	87	70	116	8	568	.....	55	42 27
Chinese, Mission School, Butte.....	52	.....	.....	99	256	11	166	.....	.....	.....
WYOMING.										
I. L. Limes.....	26	.....	57	16	213	4132	.....	.....	.....	6 50
W. G. Evans.....	18	3	44	36	125	1	100	1	90	30 83
A. H. Dent.....	18	1	45	41	41	.....	.....	2	45	7 00
S. C. Davis.....	48	1	108	86	479	17	144	9	192	145 70
A. E. Reynolds.....	9	1	16	7	53	.....	1	1	39	12 00
E. S. Rogers.....	8	1	18	8	.....	.....	.....	1	38	3 50
E. F. Perry.....	37	1	85	77	285	1	1	81	47 00
G. W. Nice.....	26	1	54	85	245	1500	1	1	112	62 00
Laramie.....	103

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COLORADO.																	
D. D. Proper.....	General Missionary, Colorado and New Mexico.....	39	117	24	106	106	106	106	4	19	19	106	106	106	106	106	\$109 36
J. W. Crooks.....	New Mexico.....	8	14	4	63	63	63	63	22	13	13	63	63	63	63	63	112 33
F. L. Rozelle.....	District Missionary.....	18	100	16	116	116	116	116	22	19	19	116	116	116	116	116	135 32
H. S. Purinton.....	Broadway Church, Denver.....	52	1	96	52	460	460	460	13	22	22	460	460	460	460	460	256 66
Daniel Baldwin.....	Colorado City.....	52	1	121	104	560	560	560	7	6	6	560	560	560	560	560	140 03
C. M. Reid.....	Anaconda.....	39	3	102	373	373	373	373	9	2	2	373	373	373	373	373	141 63
J. A. Haycraft.....	Fountain, Husted, and Monument. Fountain.....	39	4	157	59	250	250	250	9	7	7	250	250	250	250	250	134 55
J. A. Haycraft.....	Fountain.....	13	2	50	13	100	100	100	80	1	1	100	100	100	100	100	55 15
B. R. Downer.....	Grand Junction.....	52	2	108	60	348	348	348	3	8	8	348	348	348	348	348	132 00
F. G. Folsom.....	Lake City.....	30	3	122	115	550	550	550	3	5	5	550	550	550	550	550	106 93
D. S. McGlashen.....	Gunnison.....	52	2	166	66	350	350	350	3	4	4	350	350	350	350	350	168 65
T. L. Steele.....	Eastern part of State.....	39	4	76	32	277	277	277	1	1	1	277	277	277	277	277	22 00
I. P. Robinson.....	Mt. Olivet Church, Denver.....	22	1	48	38	170	170	170	2	8	8	170	170	170	170	170	20 98
Ducan Lamont.....	Mt. Olivet Church, Denver.....	26	1	47	38	130	130	130	2	8	8	130	130	130	130	130	95 10
George Kincaid.....	Saguache.....	28	84	28	72	72	72	72	2	8	8	72	72	72	72	72	12 71
David Reddick.....	North Side Church, Denver.....	52	1	109	97	673	673	673	4	22	22	673	673	673	673	673	114 69
A. A. Fries.....	Hooper and Mosca.....	39	5	149	43	610	610	610	4	12	12	610	610	610	610	610	69 75
E. O. Butler.....	Hooper and Mosca.....	13	2	55	16	115	115	115	18	18	18	115	115	115	115	115	23 12
A. D. Carpenter.....	Durango.....	39	4	102	32	307	307	307	18	18	18	307	307	307	307	307	287 06
A. B. Carson.....	Bethel Church, Denver.....	52	1	117	61	319	319	319	6	18	18	319	319	319	319	319	235 12
R. A. Graham.....	Florence.....	52	2	109	104	447	447	447	2	2	2	447	447	447	447	447	287 96
A. A. Layton.....	Longmont.....	52	2	109	104	447	447	447	2	2	2	447	447	447	447	447	235 12
B. L. Mitchell.....	Rocky Ford.....	52	3	208	64	927	927	927	27	30	30	927	927	927	927	927	287 96
J. D. Stapp.....	Holyoke.....	13	1	36	20	82	82	82	18	18	18	82	82	82	82	82	235 12
C. F. Heazle.....	Holyoke.....	20	2	34	17	134	134	134	2	2	2	134	134	134	134	134	287 96
S. W. Richards.....	Holyoke.....	6	2	19	8	60	60	60	2	2	2	60	60	60	60	60	235 12
E. L. Payne.....	Goldfield.....	13	2	42	13	70	70	70	3	5	5	70	70	70	70	70	114 102
E. O. McCollum.....	Las Animas.....	45	1	62	48	116	116	116	3	5	5	116	116	116	116	116	102 09
J. S. Henry.....	Pagosa Springs.....	13	3	27	10	40	40	40	3	5	5	40	40	40	40	40	143 38
A. H. Law.....	Montrose.....	52	3	129	56	320	320	320	5	5	5	320	320	320	320	320	172 53
E. F. Perry.....	Palsade.....	9	35	30	139	139	139	139	6	6	6	139	139	139	139	139	254 26

Arel Tjernlund.....	35	1	89	62	319	.....	.....	.....	19	126	.....	2	.....	58	483 19
Swedes, First Church, Denver.....	52	2	262	87	555	5	525	1	4	21	.....	1	.....	21	76 53
L. M. Backlund.....	52	1	160	148	413	18	1105	13	14	130	1	1	.....	91	173 81
W. E. Gladden.....	52	1	168	135	345	.....	12	4	23	64	.....	1	.....	78	65 56
Colored, St. Johns Church, Colo- rado Springs.....	13	2	37	13	40	5	1124	8	.....	65	.....	2	.....	99	.....
Colored, Bethlehem Church, Pueblo	26	2	106	72	127	5	340	.....	9	54	.....	2	.....	90	103 00
Germans, Denver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Christians Armbruster.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Germans, Denver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. I. Emerson.....	52	5	142	42	179	.....	.....	5	5	79	.....	2	1	112	174 80
Eddy, Hagerman, and Malaga.....	13	3	27	26	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	1	.....	88	36 00
G. W. Read.....	4	2	4	26	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	1	.....	45	1 93
H. C. Abbott.....	17	1	36	21	97	.....	.....	1	10	61	.....	1	.....	119	66 78
William Pearce.....	22	1	56	40	247	.....	.....	.....	4	57	.....	1	.....	110	63 80
East Las Vegas.....	56	1	129	87	184	.....	.....	.....	1	75	.....	1	.....	73	137 41
E. H. Sweet.....	35	1	65	35	315	.....	.....	12	22	83	.....	1	.....	97	77 12
W. E. Reynolds.....	26	9	89	5	175	30	1050	15	22	175	2	7	1	191	39 50
Bruce Kinney.....	30	5	87	15	230	.....	.....	7	4	110	1	3	1	168	15 80
R. P. Pope.....	43	.....	33	19	183	28	299	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Luz and Fresnal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	26	542	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. H. Rishel.....	43	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission School, Velarde.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. W. H. Rishel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARIZONA.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. C. Whitaker.....	13	1	39	24	55	.....	.....	2	5	72	.....	1	.....	101	61 37
Tempe.....	31	9	103	23	103	85	508	1	5	44	.....	1	.....	93	49 49
G. W. Cram.....	52	4	92	22	240	12	350	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckeye and Gila Bend.....	39	1	97	62	440	2	300	.....	2	37	.....	1	.....	72	47 78
Mesa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
UTAH.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. G. Adams.....	39	.....	116	34	225	16	650	11	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
General Missionary, Utah, and Southwestern Wyoming.....	39	1	96	86	676	.....	800	.....	8	175	.....	2	.....	201	173 70
W. G. Evans.....	13	2	26	13	50	.....	200	1	1	180	.....	2	.....	255	42 80
T. L. Crandall.....	39	1	82	59	175	.....	600	.....	11	88	.....	1	.....	123	67 20
T. L. Crandall.....	52	1	145	105	348	.....	25000	1	.....	64	.....	1	.....	133	41 20
J. C. Andrews.....	13	1	31	11	230	.....	100	.....	1	13	.....	1	.....	38	85
J. D. Johnson.....	39	.....	.....	2	310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedes, Salt Lake City and vicinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission School, Provo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. J. C. Andrews.....
*Mrs. F. M. Berry.....
NEVADA.
B. F. Hudelson.....	49	2	130	49	259	7	12	84	2	164	245 70
Reno.....

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IDAHO.																	
W. H. Bowler.....	Bellevue and vicinity.....	26	6	93	16	100	95	2	2	112	264	\$89 25
W. H. Bowler.....	Bellevue, Le Duc and Soldier	26	6	99	9	175	80	500	1	4	100	371	76 55
L. T. Gowen.....	Blackfoot and vicinity.....	13	4	29	24	80	85	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	22 66
A. T. Chapman.....	Blackfoot.....	26	1	65	98	85	85	2250	4	5	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	38 80
G. W. Rich.....	Pocatello.....	61	1	138	61	800	40	800	.....	12	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	88 00
T. H. Lydston.....	Boise Valley and vicinity.....	39	5	118	32	155	155	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	55 38
E. N. Elton.....	Salubria and Middle Valley	52	3	139	92	133	7	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	108	55 05
H. S. Black.....	Wallace.....	52	3	188	52	234	133	.....	.....	.....	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	189 85
David Smith.....	Nez Perce.....	26	2	83	36	80	1	25	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	7 00
G. J. Kyle.....	Idaho Falls and Providence.....	26	2	67	51	170	75	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	63 22
G. R. Schlauch.....	Lewiston.....	26	1	32	19	454	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	23 66
D. M. McReynolds.....	Mountain Home.....	26	1	32	19	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	21 00
B. F. Hampton.....	Nampa and Caldwell.....	50	3	157	97	502	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	114 34
J. R. Yaunt.....	Payette and Weiser.....	13	2	38	13	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	.....	.....	.....	.....	101	.....
C. H. McKee.....	Moscow.....	26	1	56	26	138	.....	.....	.....	.....	162	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	57 44
A. J. Gage.....	Cottonwood.....	43	3	217	23	291	20	.....	63	15	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	53 95
CALIFORNIA.																	
Robert Whitaker.....	General Missionary, North.....	52	.....	165	19	825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1394 52
Peter Peterson.....	Danes, Watsonville and vicinity.....	52	5	163	49	200	2	1050	1	9	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	30 00
Nis Tychsen.....	Danes and Norwegians, Oakland.....	52	2	159	111	272	4	1100	.....	6	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	205 35
Charles Palm.....	Swedes, San Francisco.....	52	2	132	107	264	18	2000	16	7	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	203	573 96
A. B. Ogren.....	Swedes, San Jose.....	26	1	93	37	420	.....	334	4	10	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	28 38
H. L. Dietz.....	Germanians, San Francisco.....	13	2	32	13	110	2	9000	3	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	12 15
A. J. Melchonian.....	Armenians, Fresno.....	26	1	27	10	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	28 72
J. L. Allen.....	Colored, Beth Eden Ch., Oakland.....	52	1	158	120	312	11	175	5	2	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	44 15
Tong Kit Hing.....	Chinese, San Francisco.....	52	5	179	104	168	45	17000	10	4	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	98	170 40
Lee To.....	Chinese, Evangelist.....	30	3	93	64	270	8	9500	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	66 00
*Mrs. H. F. Norris.....	Chinese Mission, San Francisco.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. E. J. Houghton.....	Chinese Mission, San Francisco.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Mrs. I. M. Sterling.....	Chinese Mission, San Francisco.....	22
*Mrs. E. B. Whitman.....	Chinese Mission, San Francisco.....	30

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									By Baptism.	By Letter or Experience.							
William Appel.....	German, Los Angeles.....	39	1	130	62	183	2	4358	11	77	\$98 40
N. P. Palmquist.....	Swedes, San Diego.....	62	1	165	106	210	...	...	2	6	36	...	...	...	...	33	430 86
J. J. Berdstedt.....	Swedes, Linné.....	4	4	12	11	35	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	47	44 50
W. H. Whelan.....	Azusa.....	39	1	76	38	88	14	400	4	17	71	...	...	...	...	95	250 77
C. M. Jones.....	Ontario.....	52	1	106	93	400	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	81	217 35
W. H. Dodson.....	Bethel Church, Los Angeles.....	52	1	171	85	445	...	...	10	25	93	...	...	...	...	145	186 46
M. R. Wolfe.....	Alhambra.....	52	1	137	110	349	...	...	2	3	68	...	...	...	...	74	142 25
T. J. Collins.....	Bakersfield.....	52	3	170	69	315	...	...	8	20	65	...	...	...	...	40	148 75
B. A. Copass.....	Long Beach.....	13	3	40	12	51	...	...	2	5	79	...	...	...	...	1	127 6 57
C. H. De Wolfe.....	National City.....	13	1	22	26	60	...	...	...	...	42	...	...	...	...	58	37 00
James McDermid.....	Hemet.....	13	1	27	13	40	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	81	15 10
J. H. Scott.....	Fullerton.....	50	2	113	61	270	18	300	1	10	48	...	...	...	...	98	128 24
OREGON.																	
C. A. Woody.....	District Secretary, Pacific District.	52	...	17	55	...	...	16000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gilman Parker.....	General Missionary.....	52	...	169	95	135	6	500	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	901 62
C. P. Bailey.....	District Missionary, East.....	52	...	316	117	335	...	...	44	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	500 00
Jacob Kratt.....	Germans, First Church, Portland.....	52	2	164	119	478	7	900	9	13	125	...	...	...	...	123	440 95
C. E. Kiewer.....	Germans, Salem.....	13	4	39	13	150	...	...	2	6	61	...	...	...	...	41	31 30
Gustave Schunke.....	Germans, Northwest.....	13	4	37	18	121	...	...	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	78	10 00
Gustave Schunke.....	Germans, Dallas and Salem.....	39	5	130	62	402	...	...	8	...	169	...	...	...	...	114	195 30
Fung Chak.....	Chinese, Portland.....	43	1	153	54	139	6	87	6	1	31	...	...	...	...	18	114 00
G. A. Osbrink.....	Swedish Conference.....	8	...	41	6	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
A. W. Snyder.....	Willamette and Central Association.....	13	...	60	11	215	2	1000	7	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	50 00
Henry Barnhart.....	Lone Rock and vicinity.....	22	2	63	21	239	...	...	1	4	29	...	...	...	...	39	22 00
W. E. Thornton.....	Lone Rock and vicinity.....	26	2	59	16	59	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	7 00
E. M. Bliss.....	Calvary Church, Portland.....	33	1	77	43	517	...	...	2	9	116	...	...	...	...	223	90 89
T. S. Dulin.....	La Grande.....	52	1	134	115	627	...	...	9	3	112	...	...	...	...	174	121 85
H. B. Turner.....	Immanuel Church, Portland.....	52	1	107	52	801	2	1020	15	17	191	...	...	...	...	213	123 75
N. S. Holcroft.....	Grace Church, Montaville.....	26	1	50	23	50	...	...	13	1	60	...	...	...	...	151	51 60
N. S. Holcroft.....	Grace Church, Montaville and Park Place Church, Portland.....	26	2	61	26	90	...	...	15	...	114	...	...	...	...	269	98 45
C. R. Lamar.....	Fossil.....	26	4	84	16	309	...	...	10	1	37	...	...	...	...	134	118 50

C. R. Lamar.....	13	3	40	10	195	18	116	1	112	1	149	12 50
Mark Noble.....	52	1	153	282	683	26	800	2	60	1	44	38 94
L. F. Day.....	52	2	205	44	250	7	175	7	171	2	160	36 25
L. I. Trumbull.....	52	2	122	103	478	...	200	2	61	1	86	104 05
G. W. Black.....	20	1	93	22	183	...	...	...	4	1	44	93 25
Richard Hargreaves.....	20	3	54	19	105	...	...	4	36	2	63	116 00
Richard Hargreaves.....	26	4	127	64	200	...	450	9	2	2	55	70 00
D. C. Williams.....	52	7	179	74	802	38	...	3	4	1	44	52 16
E. B. Pace.....	35	4	93	57	135	9	90	10	5	1	89	69 55
Robert Leslie.....	17	1	39	27	132	...	74	1	67	1	59	38 55
T. A. Fairchild.....	26	4	77	12	188	43	338	4	35	3	97	48 50
J. I. Hove.....	21	3	75	12	440	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
S. A. Douglas.....	26	1	88	24	173	...	360	3	24	1	86	30 00
A. J. Huguelet.....	26	1	48	75	75	...	...	3	84	1	74	64 75
B. C. Miller.....	26	2	88	40	90	...	...	2	38	1	51	111 45
A. J. Hunsaker.....	19	2	45	23	66	...	...	2	34	2	115	18 40
W. B. Pope.....	13	1	27	26	40	...	500	...	3	1	55	18 50
E. K. Chandler.....	16	1	26	14	50	...	500	...	16	1	...	12 05
J. H. Howard.....	26	6	89	...	70	...	80	25	104	1	59	10 50
General Missionary, East, and Northern Idaho.....	52	...	100	75	199	2	13000	14	...	1	...	332 66
C. A. Boberg.....	17	3	54	37	125	1	...	...	65	...	89	68 35
August Olson.....	26	2	85	41	112	24	1250	1	64	3	109	145 20
Miss F. I. Allen.....	52	...	76	...	333	...	27	...	...	...	...	...
Chinese Mission School, Spokane.....	26	3	55	40	143	...	325	1	42	2	67	57 46
Wenatchee and Mission.....	26	3	56	23	467	...	...	...	73	3	111	80 95
Pomeroy and Ping.....	26	3	80	26	355	12	100	...	6	3	102	61 85
Pomeroy and Farmington.....	17	2	43	20	95	...	...	...	115	3	183	33 55
Farmington and Latah.....	26	2	53	14	90	...	...	2	81	1	55	12 50
Latah and Rockford.....	26	2	40	10	104	...	...	...	14	2	83	...
Tekoa and vicinity.....	52	4	128	49	390	18	2700	1	47	2	95	96 40
F. A. Houston.....	52	4	137	49	440	53	280	3	39	3	171	87 48
L. W. Ross.....	52	4	82	82	118	...	1000	...	95	3	83	137 82
W. B. Pope.....	39	2	84	...	318	20	...	10	32	1	53	51 33
A. W. McLeod.....	52	3	142	68	348	...	...	...	71	1	91	168 30
A. H. Lyons.....	26	2	73	36	140	10	200	4	2	1	89	160 36
S. W. Gage.....	52	4	110	52	344	21	430	2	6	1	195	76 66
I. E. Croomba.....	9	2	36	8	50	...	...	2	183	...	...	5 25
H. W. D. Kirkendall.....	21	3	49	21	460	10	200	...	12	...	80	17 50
A. J. Gage.....	26	2	125	122	161	15	70	2	103	54 05
F. A. Agar.....	26	1	74	30	182	2	56	2	...	16 60
David Smith.....	6	3	14	8	45	3	65	2	70	...

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W. H. Gibson.....	22	1	44	25	610	6	54	53	38 11
Robert Yeatman.....	66	2	53	34	145	2	11	3 80
F. A. Agar.....	26	2	76	68	389	14	23	67	187 75
ONTARIO.															
W. A. Schoen.....	52	2	123	49	269	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	.....	.....	56	26 68
Herman Thiel.....	13	2	29	9	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	66	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA.															
W. H. Mueller.....	28	3	62	29	155	12	.....	.....	11	4	100	.....	.....	72	255 35
William Schunke.....	17	3	47	37	146	18	400	.....	.....	17	114	.....	.....	94	88 78
George Burgdorf.....	39	8	127	54	327	56	1500	.....	1	.....	83	.....	.....	4	150
George Burgdorf.....	13	6	42	30	85	.....	1500	.....	.....	2	83	.....	.....	109	12 50
L. M. Stolberg.....	42	.....	124	49	295	4	928	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ALBERTA.															
F. A. Müller.....	13	4	44	60	82	5	156	.....	2	127	.....	.....	.....	3	37 00
Abraham Heger.....	52	4	108	25	441	2	.....	.....	2	34	.....	.....	.....	3	29 50
ASSINABOIA.															
John Hager.....	22	2	39	32	175	6	130	.....	4	29	.....	.....	.....	24	15 00
John Hager.....	17	.....	27	24	168	11	196	.....	7	50	.....	.....	.....	64	.....
BRITISH COLUMBIA.															
J. H. Best.....	13	1	26	13	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	.....	.....	44	22 00
M. Van Sickle.....	39	1	82	79	470	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	57	.....	.....	150	207 00
H. E. Newcombe.....	26	1	63	48	150	.....	.....	.....	8	11	47	.....	.....	106	68 80
Mt. Pleasant Church, Vancouver..	13	.....	26	13	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. R. Stephens.....	26	3	63	52	621	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	2	85 41
G. R. Welch.....	39	1	78	39	200	.....	1000	.....	16	9	124	.....	.....	161	146 10
O. E. Kendall.....	13	5	39	13	150	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	31	.....	.....	48	25 00
C. N. Mitchell.....	13	1	46	26	150	.....	.....	.....	1	14	60	.....	.....	165	75 00
I. G. Matthews.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MEXICO.															
H. T. Westrup.....	31	3	97	27	90	7	947	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	1	.....
T. M. Westrup.....	13	9	62	18	156	5	1020	7	113	84	21 20
T. M. Westrup.....	40	7	182	39	485	13	2800	5	6	81	108	97 12

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W. H. Sloan.....	City of Mexico.....	48	4	155	77	846	384	331245	15	3	170	4	147
J. T. McGovern.....	Assistant, City of Mexico.....	3	3	73	40	104	3	3	125	5	164
Ernesto Barcia.....	Assistant, City of Mexico.....	1
Fernando Uriegas.....	Puebla.....	52	2	180	52	796	36	42000	2	32	1	83
Teofilo Barocio.....	San Luis Potosi.....	2	1	221	59	552	6	15706	7	36	1	32	971 87
J. F. Kimball.....	Nuevo Laredo.....	60	3	236	76	1297	22	14	17	37	3	103	93 21
Refugio Garza.....	Caderetta.....	61	0	220	72	280	9	2700	1	2	39	2	40	81 50
A. R. Cavazos.....	Santa Rosa.....	52	5	177	52	776	11	3224	1	42	1	27	57 00
A. R. Villareal.....	Sabinas and vicinity.....	60	5	169	64	435	12	3390	10	1	27	25 17
J. M. Villareal.....	Sabinas Hidalgo.....	60	3	219	66	173	23	817	3	26	1	28	17 51
M. A. Villareal.....	Monterey.....	52	2	157	52	505	9	8500	20	8	197	1	133	472 00
Alejandro Trevino.....	Mission School, Santa Rosa.....	17	17	129	50
*Miss Delfina Cavazos.....	Mission School, Montemorelos.....	30	36	553
*Miss Orelia Rocha.....	International School, Monterey.....	17	16	77	30
*Miss Zolla Ramirez.....	International School, Monterey.....	48	37	146	250
*Miss Esther Trevino.....	International School, Monterey.....	48	39	160	30
*Miss Marie Westrup.....	International School, Monterey.....	30	76
*Miss Delfina Cavazos.....	International School, Monterey.....	30
ALASKA.																
W. H. Latourette.....	Klondyke Region.....	28	28	28	75	15	40	233 65
F. C. Jordan.....	Skaguay.....	26	2	55	14	396	100	2	21	20	7 80
CUBA.																
H. R. Moseley, D.D.....	General Missionary, Eastern Cuba.....	†
James T. McGovern.....	Santiago.....	†
PORTO RICO.																
H. P. McCormick.....	General Missionary.....	†
Miss Ida Hayes.....	Assistant to H. P. McCormick.....	†

† No reports received.

* Teachers.

SUMMARY

OF STATES, RECEIPTS, MISSIONARIES, LABORS AND RESULTS.

STATES, ETC.	CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEGACIES IN 1898-99.	NO. OF MISSIONARIES.	WEEKS OF LABOR.	CHURCHES AND OUT-STATIONS SUPPLIED.	SERMONS PREACHED.	PRAYER-MEETINGS ATTENDED.	FAMILIES OR PERSONS RELIGIOUSLY VISITED.	BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS DISTRIBUTED.	PAGES OF TRACTS DISTRIBUTED.	ADDED TO CHURCH.		NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS.	CHURCHES ORGANIZED.	CHURCH EDIFICES ERECTED.	NUMBER OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.
										By Baptism.	By Letter or Experience.						
Maine.....	\$4,812 33	1	39	.....	78	39	236	9	300	3	.....	85	.....	.....	1	87	\$24 00
New Hampshire.....	1,576 28	3	151	.....	429	197	955	23	1,610	12	9	149	.....	.....	2	101	778 15
Vermont.....	1,787 47	1	52	.....	161	60	505	52	700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	.....
Massachusetts.....	44,682 69	23	983	42	2,424	1,686	21,375	1,009	209,404	61	40	835	.....	.....	16	656	941 51
Rhode Island.....	3,513 02	4	191	.....	1	288	4,829	250	14,200	20	17	136	.....	.....	2	64	313 07
Connecticut.....	12,490 60	11	389	16	1,205	807	4,767	227	18,289	24	45	641	.....	.....	13	470	1,578 68
New York.....	82,305 96	22	724	21	1,525	2,364	6,069	638	168,374	26	63	861	.....	.....	15	2,862	1,647 36
New Jersey.....	8,473 92	14	545	20	1,543	907	4,154	31	48,252	44	26	750	.....	.....	3	1,364	1,212 53
Pennsylvania.....	18,720 00	8	350	17	1,006	597	3,470	27	14,148	13	35	331	.....	.....	7	464	1,056 57
Delaware.....	775 73	5	247	6	728	315	1,548	5	334	11	20	254	.....	.....	5	483	389 94
Maryland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dist. of Columbia.....	883 74	20	506	.....	111	118	535	1	2,600	9	9	129	.....	.....	1	277	528 82
Virginia.....	866 42	27	874	14	979	658	1,744	295	266,740	14	7	101	.....	.....	7	.....	1,355 81
West Virginia.....	1,797 37	15	514	30	1,265	604	5,846	192	110,543	60	87	1,040	.....	.....	23	1,769	993 57
Kentucky.....	16 00	13	373	.....	302	356	667	.....	179,566	18	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	589 95
Tennessee.....	3 00	18	441	.....	45	366	1,037	204	14,295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina.....	80 00	18	697	.....	448	366	1,037	204	14,295	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,277 71
South Carolina.....	46 67	18	630	.....	448	174	296	122	10,475	2	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	812 18
Georgia.....	8 14	42	1,243	.....	39	44	273	57	1,632	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	.....	5	209	.....	70	99	220	22	7,225	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alabama.....	2 90	8	268	.....	194	88	221	8	1,012	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	506 16
Mississippi.....	5 00	14	367	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	20 00	6	148	.....	65	23	246	.....	1,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	56 81	5	174	.....	173	99	132	45	3,710	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	527 40
Texas.....	1,508 92	27	716	.....	193	102	170	53	3,120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Ohio.....	62,823 00	5	182	12	573	321	1,634	37	9,914	14	7	210	.....	.....	8	628	633 45
Michigan.....	4,473 24	17	563	24	1,544	793	3,958	45	6,145	23	37	775	.....	.....	16	972	1,359 41
Indiana.....	2,997 14	3	143	6	382	159	984	13	320,779	1	2	115	.....	.....	1	130	178 67
Illinois.....	9,323 43	32	1,095	45	3,462	1,657	10,857	525	41,513	87	71	1,959	.....	.....	3	3430	4,170 49
Wisconsin.....	7,326 39	46	1,407	106	4,525	2,241	12,244	178	10,081	136	94	3,313	.....	.....	79	4,082	4,564 89
Minnesota.....	9,899 80	53	1,994	104	5,991	2,724	14,556	301	124,868	200	170	3,541	.....	.....	4	5,371	5,530 09

	35	1,256	47	3,866	1,446	8,553	134	13,003	120	113	2,000	4	34	2,262	4,051	95
Iowa.....	9,138	55													734	99
Missouri.....	1,010	17													2,000	17
Indian Territory.....	425	92													2,345	
Oklahoma Ter.....	366	23													5,431	51
Kansas.....	4,048	68													6,232	83
Nebraska.....	4,120	69													4,050	04
South Dakota.....	1,299	60													3,117	23
North Dakota.....	723	08													1,198	25
Montana.....	284	92													314	56
Wyoming.....	55	64													5,544	42
Colorado.....	3,158	26													613	14
New Mexico.....	220	38													158	64
Arizona.....	141	70													325	84
Utah.....	35	00													164	24
Nevada.....	40	00													1,890	10
Idaho.....	217	16													8,325	40
California.....	47,731	08													3,820	21
Oregon.....	17,733	82													5,186	21
Washington.....	2,439	80													356	68
Ontario.....															425	50
Manitoba.....															188	15
Alberta.....															733	629
Assinboia.....															936	58
British Columbia.....															241	45
Mexico.....	16	00														
Alaska.....	85	22														
Puerto Rico.....	7	50														
Ger. Miss. Soc'y.....																
Woman's Am.....	6,696	50														
Women's Mich.....	19,389	37														
China.....	375	00														
Burma.....	25	00														
TOTALS.....	\$384,676	64	1,092	37,405	1,807	86,744	43,395	244,513	8,374	2,380,078	3,325	4,030	57	72,968	\$87,781	94

MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

Total Number Constituted such During the Year—50.

- Atwood, Charles E., Englewood, Ill., by Church.
- Baptist Young People's Union of College Avenue Church, Indianapolis, Ind., by Self.
- Barbour, Frank H., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Bodien, Rev. Olof, Minneapolis, Minn., by First Swede Church.
- Briggs, Albert P., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Coolidge, Miss Abbie D., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Curtis, Miss Delia, Toledo, Ohio, by Self.
- Cutler, Ella F., Somerville, Mass., by Self.
- Cutler, Frank E., Somerville, Mass., by Self.
- Davis, Evan P., Scranton, Pa., by First Welsh Church.
- Douglass, Rev. C. T., Pasadena, Cal., by Miss Delia Curtis.
- Driver, Dr. Stephen William, Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Evarts, Rev. William W., St. Paul, Minn., by Woodland Park Church.
- Gooch, Mrs. Sarah G., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Goodell, Mrs. Hannah J., Antrim, N. H., by the Church.
- Griffin, James, Strasburg, Ill., by Self.
- Hansen, Jorgen, Chicago, Ill., by Self.
- Hayden, Frank, Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Hill, Rev. Claiborne M., Oakland, Cal., by Tenth Avenue Church.
- Hutchinson, Rev. J. M., Newburgh, N. Y., by Moulton Memorial Church.
- Jones, Miss Ethel G., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Jones, Mrs. Harriet Newell, Philadelphia, Pa., by Sarah Ann Trevor.
- Kleeman, Mrs. Sarah, Philadelphia, Pa., by Sarah Ann Trevor.
- Lilley, Mrs. Mary E., Winchester, Ill., by Mrs. Nancy Willson.
- Miller, Rev. A. T., Rio, Wis., by Self. [Church.]
- Morgan, John J., Scranton, Pa., by First Welsh
- Neal, Mabel G., Caldwell, Kan., by Self.
- Nellis, Rev. A. A., Livonia Station, N. Y., by the Church.
- Padelford, Rev. Frank W., Haverhill, Mass., by the First Church.
- Parker, Charles B., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Poteat, E. M., D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., by Sarah Ann Trevor.
- Robinson, Mrs. Alice B., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Runyan, John S., Medicine Lodge, Kan., by the Church.
- Shepardson, Mrs. Daniel, Jr., Newark, Ohio, by Rev. Daniel Shepardson.
- Smith, James W. P., Haverhill, Mass., by the First Church.
- Smothers, Miss Sophronia, Winchester, Ill., by Mrs. Nancy Willson.
- Soares, Theodore G., Ph.D., Rockford, Ill., by the First Church.
- Stucker, Rev. E. S., La Grange, Ill., by the Church.
- Thomas, Rev. Judson B., Chicago, Ill., by Self.
- Van Houton, George A., Newark, N. J., by Peddie Memorial Sunday-School.
- White, Mrs. M. W., Westboro, Mass., by Self.
- White, Mrs. Margaret W., West Concord, N. H., by Self.
- Whiting, Rev. J. V., Kewanee, Ill., by Self.
- Wilkin, Miss Helen, Toledo, Ohio, by Miss Delia Curtis.
- Wilkin, Mrs. Mary B., Toledo, Ohio, by Miss Delia Curtis.
- Williams, Mrs. Fannie B., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.
- Williams, Miss Margaret C., Newark, N. J., by Peddie Memorial Sunday-School.
- Winch, Mrs. Ellen M. B., Westboro, Mass., by Self.
- Woody, Rev. C. A., Portland, Ore., by Maryland Avenue Church, Washington, D. C.
- Wyman, John P., Cambridge, Mass., by Old Cambridge Church.

TABLE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
1832, April 27.....	N. Y. Organizat'n	Hon. Thomas Stocks.....	Rev. Jonathan Going, elected.....	Wm. Colgate elected.
1833, May 8.....	New York.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Jonathan Going.....	William Colgate.
1834, May 7 & 8.....	New York.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Jonathan Going.....	William Colgate.
1835, May 4 & 5.....	Richmond.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Jonathan Going.....	William Colgate.
1836, June 7 & 8.....	Philadelphia.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	{ Rev. Jonathan Going } { Rev. Luther Crawford }	William Colgate.
1837, April 27-30.....	Philadelphia.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	{ Rev. Jonathan Going } { Rev. Luther Crawford }	Runyon W. Martin.
1838, April 27 & 28.....	New York.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Luther Crawford.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1839, April 26.....	Philadelphia.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1840, April 28.....	New York.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1841, April 27, 28 & May 1.....	Baltimore.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1842, April 26-28.....	New York.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1843, April 25.....	Albany.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1844, April 23, 26, 29 & 30.....	Philadelphia.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1845, April 29 & May 1 & 2.....	Providence.....	Hon. Heman Lincoln.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1846, May 13 & 14.....	Brooklyn.....	Friend Humphrey.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1847, May 10 & 11.....	New York.....	Friend Humphrey.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1848, May 11.....	New York.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Runyon W. Martin.
1849, May 10.....	New York.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1850, May 9.....	New York.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1851, May 8.....	New York.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1852, May 14-16.....	Cleveland.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1853, May 13-15.....	Troy.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1854, May 11-14.....	Philadelphia.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1855, May 9.....	Brooklyn.....	Hon. Isaac Davis.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1856, May 9 & 10.....	New York.....	Hon. Albert Day.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	Chas. J. Martin.
1857, May 13 & 14.....	Boston.....	Hon. Albert Day.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	J. E. Southworth.
1858, May 14 & 15.....	Philadelphia.....	Hon. J. P. Crozer.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	D. C. Whitman.
1859, May 13-15.....	New York.....	Hon. J. P. Crozer.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	Eben. Cauldwell.
1860, May 24.....	Cincinnati.....	Hon. J. P. Crozer.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	Eben. Cauldwell.
1861, May 31.....	Brooklyn.....	J. E. Southworth.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	Eben. Cauldwell.
1862, May 29.....	Providence.....	Hon. Ira Harris.....	Rev. Benj. M. Hill, D.D.....	Eben. Cauldwell.
1863, May 21.....	Cleveland.....	Hon. J. W. Merrill.....	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.....	Eben. Cauldwell.

TABLE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.—Continued.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
1864, May 19, 21 & 24	Philadelphia	Hon. J. W. Merrill	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1865, May 18, 20, 22 & 23	St. Louis	M ^r B. Anderson, L.L.D.	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1866, May 17 & 18	Boston	M. B. Anderson, L.L.D.	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1867, May 23 & 24	Chicago	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1868, May 26 & 27	New York	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1869, May 19	Boston	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1870, May 26	Philadelphia	Hon. J. M. Hoyt	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1871, May 20 and 21	Chicago	Hon. Wm. Kelly	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Eben. Cauldwell.
1872, May 23	New York	Hon. J. M. S. Williams	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Wm. A. Gellatly.
1873, May 21 & 22	Albany	Hon. J. M. S. Williams	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Wm. A. Gellatly.
1874, May 23-25	Washington	Hon. S. A. Crozer	Rev. Jay S. Backus, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1875, May 27	Philadelphia	Hon. S. A. Crozer	Nathan Bishop, L.L.D., acting Sec	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1876, May 26	Buffalo	Hon. S. A. Crozer	Nathan Bishop, L.L.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1877, May 24	Providence	Hon. Robert O. Fuller	Rev. S. S. Cutting, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1878, May 29	Cleveland	Hon. Robert O. Fuller	Rev. S. S. Cutting, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1879, May 29 & 30	Saratoga Springs	Hon. Robert O. Fuller	Rev. S. S. Cutting, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1880, May 26 & 27	Saratoga Springs	Hon. Wm. Stickney	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1881, May 24 & 25	Indianapolis	Hon. Wm. Stickney	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1882, May 24, 25 & 26	New York	Hon. James L. Howard	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1883, May 25 & 26	Saratoga Springs	Hon. James L. Howard	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1884, May 26 & 27	Detroit	Hon. James L. Howard	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	Jos. B. Hoyt.
1885, May 27 & 28	Saratoga Springs	John B. Trevor	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	William Phelps.
1886, May 27, 28 & 29	Asbury Park, N.J.	Samuel Colgate	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	J. G. Snelling.

1887, May 27, 28 & 29.	Minneapolis...	Samuel Colgate.....	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	J. G. Snelling.
1888, May 16 & 17.....	Washington...	Samuel Colgate.....	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	J. G. Snelling.
1889, May 17 & 18.....	Boston.....	Hon. C. W. Kingsley.	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	J. G. Snelling.
1890, May 26 & 27.....	Chicago.....	Hon. C. W. Kingsley.	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	J. G. Snelling.
1891, May 20 & 21.....	Cincinnati.....	Hon. C. W. Kingsley.	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	J. G. Snelling.
1892, May 27 & 28.....	Philadelphia...	Hon. E. Nelson Blake.	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D.	J. G. Snelling.
1893, May 29 & 30.....	Denver..	Hon. E. Nelson Blake.	Rev. T. J. Morgan, D.D., cor. sec.	J. G. Snelling.
1894, May 23 & 24.....	Saratoga Springs.	Hon. E. Nelson Blake.	Rev. T. J. Morgan, D.D., cor. sec.	J. G. Snelling.
1895, May 30 & 31.....	Saratoga Springs.	H. K. Porter.....	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D., fid. sec.	J. G. Snelling.
1896, May 25 & 26.....	Asbury Park, N. J.	H. K. Porter.....	Rev. T. J. Morgan, D.D., cor. sec.	J. G. Snelling.
1897, May 19 & 20.....	Pittsburg, Pa..	H. K. Porter.....	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D., fid. sec.	D. A. Waterman. Wm. P. Plant.
1898, May 19 & 20.....	Rochester, N. Y.	Stephen Greene.....	Rev. T. J. Morgan, D.D., cor. sec.	Asst. Treas.
1899, May 30 31, and June 1.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	Stephen Greene.....	Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D., fid. sec.	D. A. Waterman. Wm. P. Plant.
			Rev. T. J. Morgan, D.D., cor. sec.	Asst. Treas.
			Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D.D., fid. sec.	Frank R. Hathaway.

Officers were elected generally at the Annual Meeting previous to that against which their names appear in the foregoing table.

REVISED MISSIONARY TABLE SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION

SOCIETY'S YEAR.	Me.	N. H.	Vt.	Mass.	R. I.	Conn.	N. Y.	N. J.	Penn.	Del.	Md.	D. C.	Va.	W. Va.	Ky.	Tenn.	N. C.	S. C.	Ga.	Fla.	Ala.	Miss.	La.	Ark.	Tex.	Ohio.
1-1832-33	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	
2-1833-34	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	
3-1834-35	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	
4-1835-36	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	
5-1836-37	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	
6-1837-38	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	
7-1838-39	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	
8-1839-40	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	
9-1840-41	11	
10-1841-42	9	
11-1842-43	6	
12-1843-44	4	
13-1844-45	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	
14-1845-46	12	
15-1846-47	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	
16-1847-48	7	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	
17-1848-49	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	
18-1849-50	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	
19-1850-51	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
20-1851-52	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
21-1852-53	3	
22-1853-54	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	
23-1854-55	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	
24-1855-56	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	
25-1856-57	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	
26-1857-58	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	
27-1858-59	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	
28-1859-60	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	
29-1860-61	1	
30-1861-62	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31-1862-63	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
32-1863-64	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
33-1864-65	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
34-1865-66	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
35-1866-67	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	
36-1867-68	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
37-1868-69	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
38-1869-70	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
39-1870-71	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
40-1871-72	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
41-1872-73	59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
42-1873-74	63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
43-1874-75	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
44-1875-76	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
45-1876-77	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
46-1877-78	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
47-1878-79	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
48-1879-80	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
49-1880-81	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
50-1881-82	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
51-1882-83	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
52-1883-84	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
53-1884-85	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
54-1885-86	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
55-1886-87	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
56-1887-88	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
57-1888-89	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
58-1889-90	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
59-1890-91	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
60-1891-92	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
61-1892-93	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
62-1893-94	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
63-1894-95	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
64-1895-96	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
65-1896-97	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
66-1897-98	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
67-1898-99	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

NOTES ON ABOVE TABLE.—This table does not include General Officers and missionaries of auxiliary bodies, as also all those who received appointments but did not actually render and report service.

In the Eastern, Middle and older Southern States, the missionary operations of Baptists among the white English-speaking population have been conducted almost wholly by the State Conventions. This has been true also for many years in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Michigan. The exceptions to this rule occur between 1864 and 1874, during portions of which time the Society was in cooperation with New York, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Michigan, and also with Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, California, and Florida. Since 1878 cooperation has been resumed with several of the newer States, so that, in 1882, the Conventions of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, California, North Pacific Coast, Texas, and Arkansas are in general cooperation with the Society.

OF MISSIONARIES AND TEACHERS BY STATES FOR EACH YEAR.

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Operations in the South were discontinued on the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. They were resumed in 1862, since which time they have been chiefly among the Freedmen, and are largely educational. The decrease of laborers among the Freedmen after 1873 is largely accounted for by the fact that students were no longer commissioned as teachers and missionaries during their summer vacations.

1808-99, Cuba, 2; Porto Rico, 2.

1898-99, Cuba, 2; Porto Rico, 2.

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

SOCIETY'S YEAR.	Contributions and Legacies.	No. of Missionaries	Churches and Stations Supplied.	Baptisms Reported.	Churches Organized	Years of Labor.
1-1832-33	\$6,586 73	50	.....	400	....	23
2-1833-34	7,776 52	62	.....	1,600	40	55
3-1834-35	8,663 84	79	.....	1,200	60	68
4-1835-36	16,910 85	96	300	1,040	96	79
5-1836-37	12,361 66	103	247	873	33	89
6-1837-38	13,437 81	105	237	1,431	29	81
7-1838-39	15,345 05	115	.....	1,058	24	88
8-1839-40	17,334 29	87	.....	761	24	62
9-1840-41	10,779 09	71	300	1,134	59	45
10-1841-42	12,506 92	93	325	1,495	36	68
11-1842-43	11,806 51	85	304	1,489	50	63
12-1843-44	13,401 76	73	249	1,127	29	46
13-1844-45	18,675 68	97	327	818	51	62
14-1845-46	15,727 73	98	472	992	33	71
15-1846-47	18,161 50	136	505	490	29	84
16-1847-48	20,068 73	151	558	694	35	105
17-1848-49	20,876 64	128	453	774	45	92
18-1849-50	25,201 09	110	338	949	33	81
19-1850-51	29,648 28	132	386	981	33	98
20-1851-52	38,114 16	141	380	1,187	46	99
21-1852-53	42,872 01	164	500	1,025	59	116
22-1853-54	56,381 08	175	612	1,322	67	137
23-1854-55	55,545 40	169	481	1,026	55	128
24-1855-56	47,928 54	113	196	542	21	87
25-1856-57	43,361 76	88	211	336	24	64
26-1857-58	41,707 82	97	247	593	27	77
27-1858-59	43,525 92	106	269	764	53	85
28-1859-60	55,749 50	128	358	496	50	96
29-1860-61	44,678 67	131	371	867	71	109
30-1861-62	31,144 28	84	252	473	30	71
31-1862-63	32,095 30	87	215	501	17	55
32-1863-64	56,090 00	147	372	892	36	83
33-1864-65	94,403 17	227	429	2,141	57	130
34-1865-66	105,936 25	312	378	4,151	89	158
35-1866-67	144,184 46	391	406	7,236	132	233
36-1867-68	139,060 44	326	352	6,712	106	207
37-1868-69	130,877 23	266	301	4,424	64	183
38-1869-70	177,878 90	301	321	3,840	70	184
39-1870-71	197,071 30	338	491	4,038	90	195
40-1871-72	186,251 29	414	500	6,029	160	259
41-1872-73	210,660 07	435	484	4,910	166	278
42-1873-74	221,272 97	329	362	2,264	113	187
43-1874-75	198,343 98	324	358	2,100	92	198
44-1875-76	177,876 62	254	300	2,036	65	159
45-1876-77	159,032 94	225	256	1,581	60	163
46-1877-78	126,463 91	213	250	1,834	36	149

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE RESULTS.—Continued.

SOCIETY'S YEAR.	Contributions and Legacies.	No. of Missionaries	Churches and Stations Supplied.	Baptisms Reported.	Churches Organized	Years of Labor.
47—1878-79	\$115,083 38	238	274	1,172	42	157
48—1879-80	122,419 21	277	836	1,160	67	175
49—1880-81	193,373 24	390	1,202	1,304	61	236
50—1881-82	311,918 48	512	1,460	1,675	75	318
51—1882-83	226,914 76	607	1,762	2,515	152	406
52—1883-84	369,302 51	636	1,599	2,949	145	404
53—1884-85	315,245 53	702	1,628	3,317	139	464
54—1885-86	326,279 09	676	1,512	3,396	140	442
55—1886-87	523,623 82	678	1,385	3,300	129	447
56—1887-88	551,595 92	743	1,594	2,886	137	475
57—1888-89	296,461 53	790	1,795	3,646	181	526
58—1889-90	360,414 15	833	1,659	3,834	163	541
59—1890-91	213,586 62	948	1,828	4,523	199	603
60—1891-92	318,986 06	1,053	2,018	4,335	119	669
61—1892-93	315,961 78	1,082	2,035	5,743	136	715
62—1893-94	333,137 61	1,111	2,221	5,998	149	682
63—1894-95	355,157 75	1,100	1,933	6,192	150	716
64—1895-96	394,729 10	1,147	2,015	6,258	187	713
65—1896-97	320,534 93	1,064	1,775	4,916	137	722
66—1897-98	318,176 25	1,030	1,591	5,022	150	689
67—1898-99	384,676,64	1,092	1,807	3,325	57	720
Totals..	9,811,356.88			159,892	5,310	16,070

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

I.—This Society shall be called **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

OBJECT.

II.—The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel in North America.

MEMBERSHIP.

III.—The Society shall be composed of Annual Delegates and Life Members. Any Baptist Church, in union with the denomination, may appoint a delegate for an annual contribution of ten dollars, and an additional delegate for each additional thirty dollars. Fifty dollars shall be requisite to constitute a Member for Life.

OFFICERS.

IV.—The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Auditors, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Recording Secretary.

MANAGERS.

V.—There shall be twenty-one managers also, residing chiefly in the city of New York, or its vicinity, who shall be divided by lot among themselves into three classes of seven members each. The terms of service of the first class shall expire in one year, that of the second class in two years, and that of the third class in three years; provided that absence from four consecutive regular meetings of the Board without a written, valid excuse, shall work a forfeiture of membership, unless the term is extended by special vote of the Board. At each annual meeting of the Society, after the first election under this amended Constitution, one class only shall be elected for the term of three years, to the end that the third part of the whole number of the managers, as nearly as possible, may be annually chosen; provided, however, that vacancies remaining in any class may be filled for the unexpired term of that class. The officers and managers shall be elected by ballot and continue to discharge their official duties until superseded by a new election.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

VI.—The Recording Secretary and Managers of the Society shall constitute the Executive Board, to control the business of the Society, seven of whom shall be a quorum for that purpose. They shall have power to appoint their own meetings, elect their own Chairman, and Recording Secretary, enact their own By-laws and Rules of Order, provided, always, that they be not inconsistent with this Constitution; fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body, or in the offices of the Society, during the year, and, if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the Society may require, appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensations, direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the current year.

DESIGNATED FUNDS.

VII.—All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular missionary field or purpose shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors or their lawful agents.

TREASURER.

VIII.—The Treasurer shall give bonds to such amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPOINTMENT.

IX.—All the Officers, Managers, Missionaries, and Agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist Churches.

ANNUAL MEETING.

X.—The Society shall meet annually for the election of Officers and Managers, and the transaction of other necessary business, at such time and place as the Executive Board shall appoint.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

XI.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing, and the proposition sustained by a majority vote, at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.

THE AMENDED ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 528.

AN ACT

To amend chapter one hundred and seventeen of the laws of eighteen hundred and forty-three, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Baptist Home Mission Society," as amended and extended by chapter thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Became a law May 3, 1895, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and seventeen of the laws of eighteen hundred and forty-three, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Baptist Home Mission Society," as amended and extended by chapter thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and by chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1. All such persons as now are, or hereafter may become, members of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city of New York in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, shall be, and hereby are, constituted a body corporate by the name of "The American Baptist Home Mission Society," for the purpose of promoting the preaching of the Gospel, for the establishing, maintaining, or aiding Baptist churches or missions, for the acquisition of sites in contemplation of the erection of houses of worship and other buildings, and for the establishing or maintaining, or assisting in the establishing or maintaining of schools and other institutions of learning in connection with its missionary work in North America.

§ 2. It shall be lawful for the members of said Society, at any time they may elect, to appoint such officers and to make and ordain such by-laws and regulations in relation to their organization and to the management, disposition, and sale of their real or personal estate, the duties and powers of their officers, and the management of their corporate affairs as they shall think proper, provided they are not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State and of the United States.

§ 3. The said corporation shall have power to receive, take, hold, and enjoy any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise, bequest, gift, grant, or purchase, either absolutely or in trust, and to make investments thereof, or of the proceeds thereof, or of any of its funds, wherever and in such manner as may be deemed advisable, and therewith to acquire or erect for its own use or accommodation, or for other purposes, such building or buildings as it may regard advantageous to the interests of the Society, or of the Baptist denomination, with which it is connected; subject, however, in respect to the amount of property it may take and hold, to the restrictions and limitations of existing laws, and in respect to devises or bequests from residents of the State of New York, to the provisions of chapter three hundred and sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty, entitled "An act in relation to wills."

§ 4. The annual and other meetings of said corporation may be held at such place or places within the United States, and at such time or times as the said corporation may, from time to time, determine.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.